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# Blair to take command of benefit reform

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

TONY BLAIR faced down the threat of Cabinet revolt and party mutiny yesterday as he took charge of moves to reform the welfare state and declared that there was no alternative to change.

The Prime Minister, rocked by the disclosure of a devastating attack by David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, on proposals to cut disability benefits, said the system was not working and reforming it would be "the objective of the whole Government".

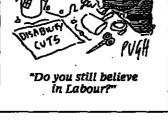
He staged an impromptu press conference as he arrived to watch a football match, telling reporters: "We will do it fairly, we will do it sensitively, but we will do it."

It was clear last night that Mr Blair had turned the battle to shake up the welfare state into a campaign similar to the one in which he persuaded the Labour party to drop Clause IV. Some ministers were even comparing it to Margaret Thatcher's fight with the Tory Cabinet "wets" in the early 1980s.

He has decided to chair a new ministerial group on welfare reform, taking overall control of a process which until now has been headed by Gordon Brown, the Chancellor

He is taking charge both to assure anxious colleagues that the review is not a Treasury-driven cuts exercise and also to stake his whole authority as leader and Prime Minister on pushing the package through.

He seems to be ready for trouble. In a Newsweek interview released today Mr Blair says: "It will get a lot rougher than this. I've always said this to people — if we don't hit rough times we are not doing our job." An embarrassed Mr Blunkett. whose letter to Mr Brown voicing



his "grave anxiety" at aspects of proposals for disabled benefit changes, presented himself in inter-

He spoke of constituents who were "sick and tired" of seeing people who were not in work being better off than those who were. He denied there was a rift, saying: "I think that all of us have got the same Tony Blair."

He was felt by government offici-als to have made the best of a bad job. But the damage caused by the revelation of his outspoken opposition to a central plank of the review plans was huge because it exposed for the first time the full extent of Cabinet worries. It also confirmed the fears of disabled groups that proposals to cut, tax or means-test their benefits are under active con-

views yesterday as one of the leading advocates of welfare reform.

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Mr Blunkett, who is blind, voiced

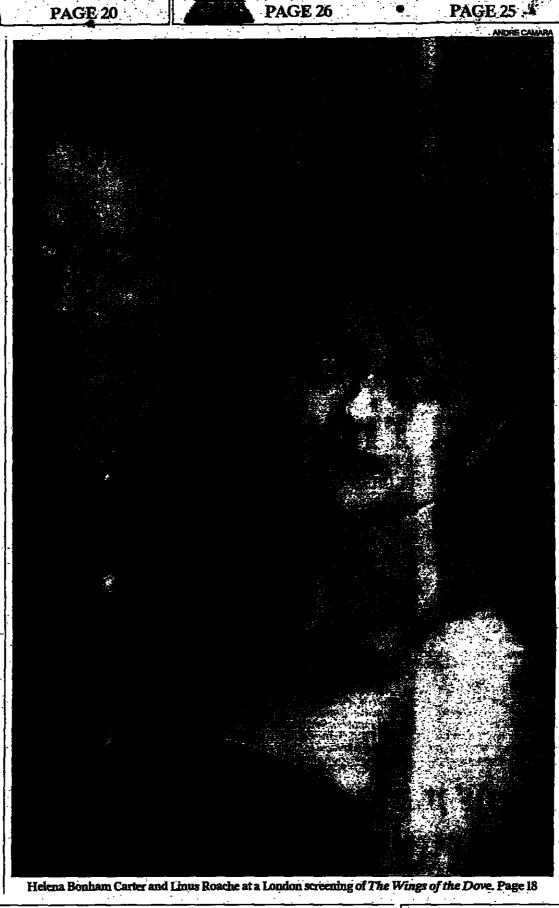
strong objections to taxing means-testing disability living al-lowance, said that handing respon-sibility for paying the benefit to local authority social service departments would be a recipe for confusion and impoverishment. He warned of a future revolt if the Government abolished industrial injuries benefits for existing claimants, and warned that switching from National Insurance-based benefits to more means-testing would undermine social cohesion.

Although he protested yesterday that the proposals had come from officials and not ministers, the fact that he sent his letter to Mr Brown spoke volumes. All those ideas have been floated in recent weeks by both ministers and officials and Mr Blunkett clearly feared that they had the support of Mr Brown and Alistair Darling, his Chief Secre-

The leak of the Blunkett letter on Saturday night overshadowed a speech by Mr Blair in his constituency in which he said there was no choice but to reform the benefit system. "If we don't, we fail the people we have to help," he said. Yesterday he added: "A welfare state that is ... costing more than we spend on schools, hospitals and police put together while more people live in poverty is not a welfare state that is delivering fairness or efficiency."

He added: "I intend to lead the debate. I intend to be at the forefront, driving it forward, making sure that the changes we make are consistent with our principle of social justice and fairness."

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#### **Oxbridge** prepares to charge fees of £4,000

By JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION EDITOR

OXBRIDGE bursars are prepared to forgo £35 million in state support and charge students fees of up to £4,000 a year if a government review of their funding threatens their colleges' independence.

The two universities have until January 5 to put the case for retaining their existing support, paid direct to the colleges by the state. The colleges fear that they will be expected to survive on a re-duced amount paid through the univeristies, making their income less secure and altering the power structure in Oxford and Cambridge.

Under alternative proposals discussed by Cambridge's fees committee last Friday, the colleges would waive their right to state support and collect fees, which currently stand at £2,700, from their students. A bursary scheme would ensure that poor applicants were not excluded.

Andrew Murison, the bursar of Peterhouse and archi-tect of the plan, said: Many of us believe that the mechanism is as important as the amount of money we receive because the loss of direct funding could mean that in five to ten years Oxbridge was unrecognisable from what we see today. Any semblance of independence would go out of the window and the colleges would become no more than halls of

Oxford and Cambridge argue that college life and the individual or small-group tuition culture it allows are the key to their excellence. The universities are still hoping that they would be offered a fees package that they could accept before the end of next month, but the Cambridge bursars are anxious to have a fall-back position.

#### Astronomer says we are in 2009

Jesus Christ was born 12 years earlier than is believed, according to a leading Italian astronomer. We are therefore

in the last days of 2009. Professor Giovanni Baratta says he has found new evidence from Roman history. the Bible and astronomy which "does not affect belief in Christ's divinity, but does affect calendars"....... Page 11

## Saddam warned

America will arge the UN Security Council to warn Saddam Hussein that barring UN inspectors from his palaces is unacceptable. Page 13

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## Idling drivers face fines

By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

DRIVERS who leave vehicle engines idling at the kerb may be fined under new Scandinavian-style anti-smog laws to be unveiled next month.

Parking wardens and the police will be given the power to fine people £20 for running engines while parked at the roadside, in lay-bys and at taxi ranks - although no specific time limit has been set. Ministers want to tackle flagrant offenders, but in

theory anyone who stops without turning off the ignition could be at risk. The Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions (DETR) said the regulations would come into force next month. It was expected that wardens would have discretion over who to fine.

Coaches with passengers on board on days when heating or air conditioning units were

needed are not the target. But a lone coach driver who kept his engine running while awaiting his passengers could expect to be targeted.

The spokesman said "buses

on turn-around", where drivers often sit idling the engine for up to 15 minutes would be liable, as would taxis at ranks. Chris Cawley, assistant director of pollution at Westminster City Council, which has played a key role in securing the laws, said parking war-dens would be advised to warn offending drivers. Those who persisted would be

issued with a ticket. Mr Cawley said cities would crack down on notorious places such as Victoria and Park Lone in central London, where coaches, cars and other vehicles often parked with engines running. There would be exemptions, such as delivery vans that need the power to operate tail gates and older ice-cream vans that have to

keep freezers working. Westminster would signs and leaflets to alert ivers and companies. Motoring organisations fear drivers in congested streets may also be fined, but the department said that would be beyond the spirit of the law. But clearly if it looks as if the traffic is not going to move for some time, we would

expect people to turn off engines," the spokesman said. Leaving a car untended with the engine running is already Other regulations will ent-power local authorities to fine owners of vehicles breaking emissions standards. Now only Vehicle Inspectorate staff

can stop and test a vehicle and

#### Carey's joke falls flat in Asda's aisles

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

NO-ONE laughed on the Isle of Dogs when the Archbishop of Canterbury told his joke about the Christmas banner which should have read: "Glory to God in the Highest."The letter "e" had been dropped out of "highest", making it

"Glory to God in the High st." Dr George Carey's message was being broadcast to all the 216 Asda supermarkets in the land as the highlight of a 40minute carol service celebrated at the Gravesend store in

But at the store in the Isle of Dogs - where Santa's grotto was empty and shopping bas-kets were full — someone appeared to have decided that God and Mammon might be better left apart. The volume of Asda FM, the in-store radio, which had earlier emitted periectly audible versions of So this is Christmas and Santa Claus is coming to town, had been turned so low that Dr Carey's words of wisdom were barely audible.

"So the good news of Jesus is for everyone, shoppers as well as worshippers," said Dr Carry, according to the text released to journalists in advance. "If we all work to show God's glory and love in the High Street, our society and this world will surely be a

About one million people turn out to shop in Asia stores on the Sunday before Christ-mas, only slightly fewer than the number expected to amend the Church of England on the

## Nation remembers Princess with names of her sons

BY HELEN RUMBELOW

WILLIAM and Harry have rocketed in popularity among readers of The Times as names for boys in the wake of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. But Charles has declined dramatically following the death of the Prince's former wife.

Top spot for girls over the year in a survey of nearly 4.000 birth announcements in the newspaper is Olivia. James retains first place among boys.

As the nation mourned the Princess in September new parents named their baby

boys after her elder son. The frequency with which William appears in the births columns in September is dou-

helping to take the name from third place last year to second in the table this year. Harry, similarly, is up by a third in September but, con-

versely, the appearances of Charles drop by a third over the same period. Over the year, Charles was well-favoured, rising four places on last year. Diana's christian name is nothing like as popular as she was herself,

appearing just once in the

lists, back in the spring.

As well as Harry - Which taken together with Henry would have knocked William out of second place - there is clearly much informality about. Jack makes a new appearance and Emma and Isobel rise several places

BOYS 1 JAMES (1) 2 WILLIAM (3) 3 ALEXANDER (4) 4 THOMAS (2) 5 EDWARD (6) 5 EMMA () 6 LUCY (5) 6 CHARLES (10) 7 OLIVER (9) 8 GEORGE (5) 8 EMILY AS 9 HARRY (8)

above last year's Emily and Isabella. The rise of Olivia is intriguing since it has been rare for most of this century, only beginning to boom in the

eighties, according to the Reg-istrar General's Index of

10 BENJAMIN/JACK (=)

9 ISABELACTO 10 ALEXANDRA ( )

It began to climb up The Times lists in the nineties, at fifth in 1994 and second last

Deriving from the word 'olive", it was first popularised in 1600 by William Shakespeare in Twelfth Night, in which Olivia is a

wealthy widow wooed by a rich Duke.

The thirties Hollywood star Olivia de Havilland made her name as a dutiful wife in Gone With The Wind, and in 1978 Olivia Newton John was woord by an altogener less. glamorous John Travolta in

the film Grease.
The name is, like most others on the list, seen as an aspirational choice for parents who want to conter pedigree

"It's done by parents who want to make sure their children are in a social class above them." said Leslie Dunkling. editor of the Guinness Book of Names, "so names in The Times list often appear in the national lists a few years

All of Beethoven's **Symphonies** in the palm of your hand.

Stockbroker's Thai



said that the bill for policing the ritual had reached £2 million. More than 50 officers had



## Sectarian ritual costs RUC £2m

Martin Fletcher on the weekly intimidation of churchgoing Catholics lics went to the Church of Our Lady in Harryville, Ballymena, at the weekend for the last Saturday night Mass before Christmas. So did three dozen Protestants, inspired by sectarian hatred. The Catholics went to wor-

ship. The others - hardcore The protests began in the loyalist thugs - went to intimidate them, as they have every Saturday night for the past 16 months. The RUC was once again obliged to ring the paint-spattered church with armoured grey Land Rovers and at least 100 officers. Last week. Superintendent

mena's RUC commander,

TWO hundred Roman Catho-

been injured and 44 people arrested. He appealed for an end to it so that his officers could be put to more profitable use - an appeal greeted with contempt.

summer of 1996 when Orangemen were stopped from parading to a Protestant church in the overwhelmingly nationalist village of Dunloy. Io miles away. Loyalists sought a suitable target for retaliation and settled on the Church of Our Lady, an angular edifice middle of a predominantly Protestant estate.

In the early months the

as 500 loyalists would gather to wave banners and scream obscenities at the churchgoers. Petrol bombs, rocks and missiles were hurled at the church. It survived an arson attack, but its elderly priest was forced to move from the fortified parochial house next door after his car was burnt and a breezeblock smashed through his study window. Three RUC officers had to move after their homes were

The violence has settled into 40 turn up regularly, although their numbers swell considerably when events elsewhere in Northern Ireland inflame sec-

netrol-bombed.

tarian tensions. They are coralled at one end of the graffiti-daubed street outside the church and are arrested if they shout obscenities. But their mere presence necessitates a huge police operation each week and creates the most oppressive conditions for worship.

The protesters are a surly. aggressive bunch. They include women, and children being reared in the same climate of hate in which their parents have spent their lives. ringleader. None will give their name. "Got any matches?." said one young man when asked if he wanted to

have convinced themselves that they are victims, not aggressors, and that Catholics from across the province are now swarming to the church each Saturday simply to provoke them. "Until the Orangemen walk in Dunlov.this protest goes on," declared one burly fellow, and his col-

leagues cheered. Outside the church doors,: half-a-dozen other Protestants stage a vigil each Saturday night to support their Catholic four now service the church in rotation - says a prayer for the protesters at the start of services. As a conciliatory

gesture, the church cancelled the Masses for ten weeks during last summer's march-

ing season, but to no avail.

The priests no longer speak to the media lest they inflame the situation. A few of the congregation have been frightened off, but not many. "There's a dogged dignity about the people," said Nuala O'Loan, whose husband's car was attacked by the protesters as he left the church last year. They have never retaliated. They have come and gone, even though people have most shouted

think it's very sad. They are achieving nothing, and they're

## wife 'had him killed' A British stockbroker who allegedly cheated his Thai wife. Nongnut Tungkaburi, out of takings from her holiday island bar was murdered by contract with his own Samurai

sword, Thai police said yesterday. Roger Jennings. 56, from Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, was stabbed ten times with a knife and the sword from his own collection, after his wife had issued a £2,600 murder contract on the southern island of Phuket. She has confessed to conspiracy to murder after a three-day interrogation at Khatu police station, Phuket, according to Colonel Kokiat Wongvorachart.

#### Drug-assault arrest

A 19-year-old man was questioned yesterday after a girl of 12 was dragged from a bus stop, drugged and sexually assaulted. The girl was found by police. After regaining consciousness she had run barefoot across a motorway. Manchester police are waiting for chemical analysis of the contents of a bottle found near by. There was speculation that it might have contained Rohypnol, the so-called "date

#### Girl power takes top slot

The Spice Girls have hit the Christmas No I spot for the second year running, beating the tribute single to Diana, Princess of Wales. Their single Too Much knocked the Teletubbies Say Eh-Oh! off the top. The Chicken Shed Theatre Company's tribute I'm In Love With the World could manage only fifteenth position. Last Christmas the Spice Girls had the No I with 2 Become I. William Hill is offering odds of 10-1 on them repeating the feat next year.

#### Smartcard revolution

The Government aims to deliver at least a quarter of its services electronically within the next five years, under a White Paper to be unveiled next year. "Smartcards" and digital technology, run by the Government and banks, would enable people to undertake a range of tasks from their homes and in shops, including collecting benefit. paying parking fines and renewing car tax and driving licences, a Cabinet Office spokesman said.

#### Legal aid fraud charges

Tim Robinson, 54, who defended "road-rage" killer Tracey Andrews, and ten of his former staff are accused of conspiring to defraud the Legal Aid Board. Mr Robinson is alleged to have been involved in a plot to submit false claims for legal aid payment. Other members of his former firm also charged are Paul Smith, Richard Hill, Howard Banton, Margaret Leith, Clive Randal Gerald Davies, Patrick Price, Christine Noble and Keith Pengelly.

#### Lockerbie trial plea

Relatives of victims of the Lockerbie air disaster marked its ninth anniversary by intensifying their demands that the two Libyan suspects be brought to trial. Families of the 7/0 ople who died when the Pan-Am jumbo jet exploded over Lockerbie in Scotland on December 21, 1988, launched a petition in Edinburgh for the two to be tried under Scottish law in a neutral country by an international panel of judges, chaired by a senior Scottish judge.

#### Faults found in lifeboats

a major fault developed in their new American-made engines. Just months after completing a £1.1 million refit, the boats are being examined by technicians from Detroit Diesels after engine cylinder seizures. Old relief boats are standing in The Royal National Lifeboat Institution said: "Our call-outs will not be compromised at all, and we hope the fault will be sorted out by February."

#### Raid on fakes nets £1.3m

Counterfeit clothing, compact discs and computer equip-ment worth more than £1.3 million has been seized at the Barras market in Glasgow. Fourteen people, aged 16 to 43. have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal after the twoday operation by Strathchyde Police and trading standards officers. In April detectives seized counterfeit computer equipment, clothing and CDs worth more than £10 million in a series of raids on outdoor markets in the area.

#### Silent Night 'premiere'

The nation's favourite carol, Silent Night, will be broadcast in full for the first time by the BBC on Christmas Eve after three forgotten verses were discovered in a family library in Austria. The carol, to be sung in the original German with English subtitles, was written by Joseph Mohr, a hard-drinking Salzburg gambler who became a priest. It was first performed at St Nikolaus Church. Oberndorf, in 1818.

## Labour plans majority of elected members in replacement Lords

AN ELECTED chamber of and will decide whether Brit-200 members, with a further ain should have an elected 100 being appointed, could second chamber with enreplace the House of Lords. hanced powers, and how it would be chosen. Tony Blair has asked Lord

Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Mr Blair's decision to push Chancellor, to oversee the ahead with reform will be seen abolition of the rights of as an attempt by the Governhereditary peers to sit and vote ment to restore its radical in the Lords by 1999. credentials with party activists But a new Cabinet commitunhappy over benefit cuts. The committee will also

tee known as CRP (HL), which Lord Invine will chair and include Jack Straw, the Home which will begin work next Secretary. Ann Taylor, the Leader of the Commons, Lord month, is to go much further

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

Richard. Leader of the Lords, Peter Mandelson. Minister without Portfolio, and Nick Brown and Lord Carter. Chief Whips of the Commons and the Lords.

It is expected that a Bill to strip the 638 hereditary peers of their voting rights will be included in the next session of Parliament. But senior ministers believe that the Government should give its reform greater force and public surport by outlining its plan for a replacement for the Lords. There appears to be prowing support for a second chamber combining a majority of elected members but with a quarter or a third nominated, as life peers are.

Some ministers want the chamber to be called the Senate, with senators taking the place of peers. But it would have a strong independent element, achieved by appointing many who are now crossbench peers.

## Dome seeks Hirst and Hockney aid

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

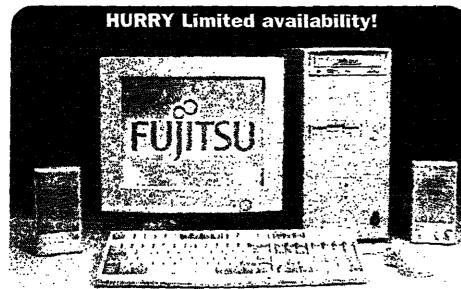
mien Hirst are being sought by the creators of the Millermium Dome in Greenwich to inject their artistic vision into the E750 million project, which has been criticised for the secrecy surrounding its likely contents.

"We are very keen that there is a celebration of British art and that the visual dressing of the interior of the dome has contributions from our greatest artists." said a spokesman

DAVID HOCKNEY and Da- for the New Millennium Experience last night. Around a central amphitheatre the dome will be divided into nine exhibition areas covering three themes;

Mind, Body and Spirit; What We Do, which will focus on the past, present and future of culture and probably include demonstrations of a new game, surfball: and Where We Live, which will examine our local, national and international environments.

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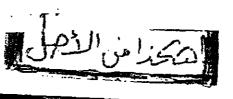
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# Anguish from the dark heart of Africa



The Smitherams on the Zambesi with Andrew and Caroline McGowan

#### Libby Purves on the heartbreak two families

#### must endure after their children's killers fled jail

TWO British families, facing the first Christmas since the murder of their children in Mozambique, have learnt that the three killers have escaped from jail only eight weeks after being sentenced to life

imprisonment. Andrew and McGowan were ambushed by bush bandits after taking Caroline's parents, Edmund and Anne Smitheram, to the airport in Harare, Zimbabwe. after a holiday in April. Mr McGowan. 35, a business consultant and his wife, 30, a teacher, were marched into

the bush and shot dead. "Our anger was to some extent appeased by the trial and the maximum sentence," Mr Smitheram said. "We are now devastated by this." Phyllis McGowan, the dead man's mother, said: "It has knocked

us back very badly." The capture of their murderers had been the culmination of a remarkable co-operation between British, Mozambican and Zimbabwean police. The bodies of Mr McGowan, a former army officer who served in Northern Ireland and the Falkland Islands, and his wife were not discovered until four days after they were attacked driving along a much-used corridor through

Mozambique They were well settled in Africa. Mrs McGowan taught information technology, at the school in Lilongwe, Malawi, painted the stage for drama productions, laid out the school magazine and ran. dishevelled and energetic, between classroom and

Her husband gave long hours and his own money to a Round Table project for reforestation in Malawi. "He felt that he was putting something into Africa." his mother said.



Smitherams. "The roles were reversed. We were the innocents," Mr Smitheram recalled. "Anne and I are not great travellers and when we first went we could hardly believe we were actually going to be in Africa."

The couple treated the Smitherams to a birdwatching safari, went on ferry on the lake at Kariba and an elephant ride. "We ended up at Victoria Falls. We were entirely in their hands. We worried about malaria and they were very meticulous in looking after us - mosquito nets, all that." Mr Smitheram said.

There had been incidents of

bandit attack in the Tete corridor, but it is an essential link between relatively undeveloped Malawi and the Europeanised facilities of Zimbabwe. After dropping their parents at the airport the couple went shopping in Harare for a new fan for their house in Malawi before beginning to drive the 460 miles

As their four-wheel drive vehicle headed along the dirt road towards the Malawi border, they left the populated maize fields for wilder, more desolate bush country. After slowing to cross a small stream and round a bend they were held up by men in army fatigues carrying AK47 rifles. were forced to walk 30ft into the bush and were shot. The

stolen vehicle was crashed near Moatize village and picked up by the local police. No inquiries were made at the time, although their pass-ports were still in the vehicle. It was two days before the new school term began and Mrs

McGowan was missed. Ewan McGowan, the murdered man's brother and fellow-expatriate, began making his own inquiries. Eventually he and two friends drove into Mozambique, picked up news of the crash and began combing the bush.

There, by luck and persistence, he found the bodies of his younger brother and sister-in-law. They had been married just two years. In a continuing nightmare of bu-reaucratic difficulty he managed to fly the bodies home.

vocal about it."

inertia. Parliament was not

sitting so there were no ques-

tions asked. Mrs Smitheram

said at the time: "When, this

damn election is over we shall

fight and fight. We are not giving up. I would hire merce-

naries myself to shoot them.

But I don't want them just to

drag some poor devil into

prison to shut us up. I want

ustice. Ib nancho . In ! Down in Hampshire Ian

McGowan, the dead man's

father, had retired two days

before the murders and set

himself grimly to learn

Mozambicue

At the time it seemed impossible the murderers would be traced. Ewan McGowan wrote a bitter, unpublished statement saying: Only now, a week after the event and after huge pressures, are they trying to do anything to catch the perpetrators of this atrocity. I cannot help but question why Mozambique has been allowed into the Commonwealth."

That outrage was echoed by the families at home. Mr Smitheram is deputy head of the Royal Hospital School in Suffolk and there, in a room full of flowers and grief, he expressed the shock and bewilderment of a quiet English family blighted by this atrocity from the dark heart of Africa.

The Foreign Office has said that the British High Commission is 'pressing at the highest levels' for an investigation. What does it mean? It is hard for us in peaceful Suffolk to know how things are in Africa. but you feel that the Commonwealth should be a family with the same values ... when British subjects come to an

end in this ghastly way in a three men were arrested: Commonwealth member Ernesto Ferro, Paulino country I would have thought Nguaza, and Joaquim the government would be Quembo. Forensic tests were done to British standards; the In the first confusing days criminal prosecutors in Tete the two sets of parents raged have formally acknowledged and protested against official the contribution of New Scot-

> In mid-October the Mc-Gowans and Mr Smitheram flew to the Tete courtroom. Almost reluctantly, they were There was an atmosphere

land Yard and Zimbabwean

of thoroughness and fairness,". said Mr Smitheram. "We are all convinced that the convictions are right: But also I felt :: that the local public who were in court were sympathetic to us, and appalled.

We were not made to feel like foreigners coming and sentenced to 24 years. For the School in Lilongwe, they are

making trouble. A number of families the process of healing people came and looked at my photographs of Andrew and Caroline."

He was able to address the court, through an interpreter, in the style of American victim statements. He said: "Caroline was our only daughter and is the last in our family line. With Andrew they were working for the future of Africa, and their reward is to be murdered."

Ewan McGowan made his own address: "Caroline and Andrew's deaths will not be totally meaningless if a proper example is set . . . the message given clearly and amequivocally by this court may help save

future lives." He asked for the maximum sentence: each of the men was began. Then last Tuesday the telephone rang and the Foreign Office told them the devastating news — the killers had escaped.

The men admitted when they they pleaded guilty to the murders that they were former members of Renamo, the guerrilla movement that was backed by South Africa during the apartheid era against the left-wing Maputo government which left Mozambique devastated and impoverished.

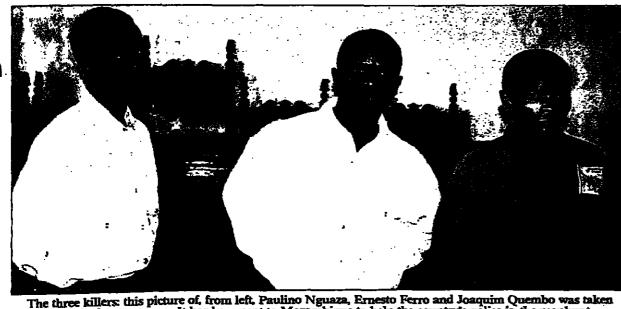
Renamo is now a spent force in the area and it is more likely they were able to escape because of overcrowded and lax prison conditions than that they were helped to freedom or

bribed their way out. At Bishop Mackenzie planting a garden in memory of the murdered teacher and last week children and their parents, on what seems like another planet, collected for it at the Royal Hospital School carol service. Their deputy head stood among them sad, controlled and calm, not yet knowing that beyond the equator his child's murderers were free.

In the courtroom in Tete, Mr Smitheram was allowed to take their photograph: three young, hard, unreadable faces. It was intended merely to go into a file as final evidence that justice was done for his lost daughter. Now that... photograph has been sent to Mozambique, a country too poor to keep criminals' photographs on file, to help in the



Happy in Africa: Andrew and Caroline McGowan were married for just two years. His brother found their bodies after a persistent search



The three killers: this picture of, from left, Paulino Nguaza, Ernesto Ferro and Joaquim Quembo was taken outside the courtroom. It has been sent to Mozambique to help the country's police in the manhunt

## 4 Yard helps Chechen police as hopes rise for kidnap Britons

OFFICERS from Scotland Yard have met security chiefs in Chechnya in an attempt to secure the freedom two British aid workers held hostage by gunmen for five months. Camilla Carr and Jon James were running a playscheme for children in the war-torn capital. Grozny, when they were seized by kidnappers in

July. In addition, President Maskhadov is understood to have told David Willetts, a Conservative MP, that he believes the hostages could be free "in the near future". Mr Willetts flew to Chechnya as part of a wider humanitarian mission concerned smoothing the troubled relations between Russia and the



Jon James and Camilla Carr were captured in July

breakaway southern republic. There have been recent uncouple are safe and well and that ransom demands have been issued. The detectives have travelled to Chechnya

after a request by the Foreign Office to help their Russian counterparts. News of the "low-key" visit emerged hours after family

and friends of Miss Carr, 35,

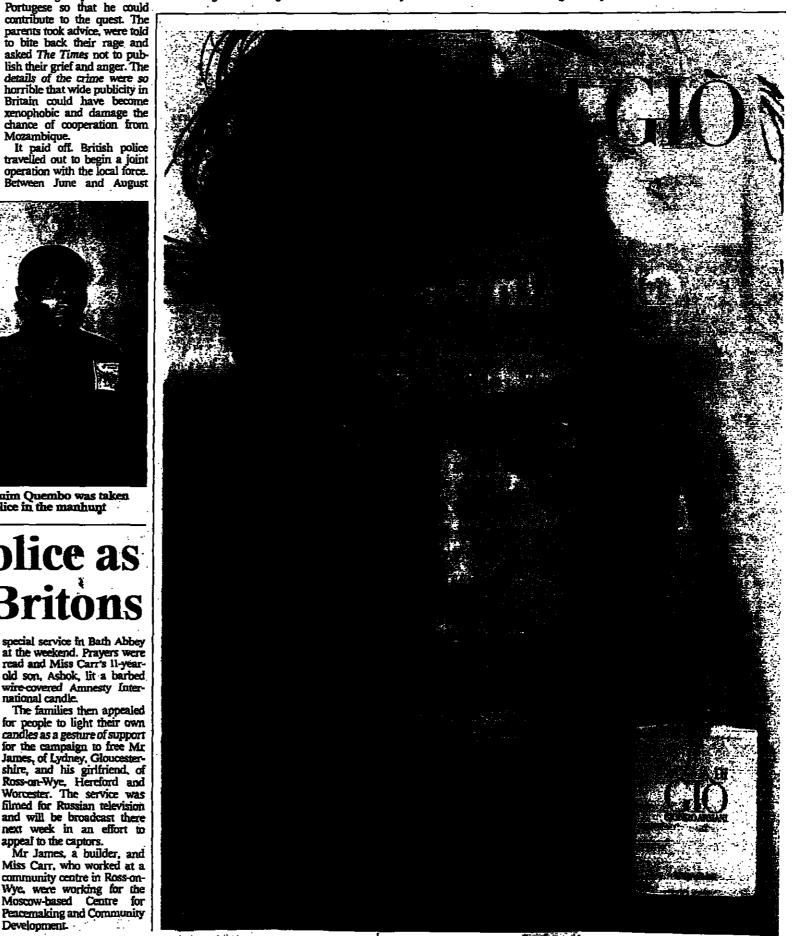
and Mr James, 37, held a

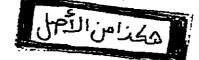
special service in Bath Abbey at the weekend. Prayers were read and Miss Carr's 11-yearold son, Asbok, lit a barbed wire-covered Amnesty International candle.

The families then appealed for people to light their own candles as a gesture of support for the campaign to free Mr James, of Lydney, Gloucestershire, and his girlfriend, of Ross-on-Wye, Hereford and Worcester. The service was filmed for Russian television and will be broadcast there next week in an effort to appeal to the captors.

Mr James, a builder, and Miss Carr, who worked at a community centre in Ross-on-Wye, were working for the Moscow-based Centre for Peacemaking and Community

Development.





David Blunkett, an ardent supporter of new Labour, has revealed his credentials as a Cabinet rebel

# How benefit cuts forced minister out into the open

IF TONY BLAIR were privately asked to name the three topperforming ministers in the Cabinet since the election, David Blunkett would be one

of them. Once a focus of suspicion for Labour's modernisers, Mr Blunkett, both before the election and since, has eagerly embraced and promoted many of the new Labour reforms espoused by his leader. His readiness to remove any doubt over the future of existing grammar schools was of enormous symbolic importance to Mr Blair before May 1: perhaps only he could have pushed through the controversial plan for tuition fees for higher education without a substantial revolt. It is not hard to imagine the scenario if Harriet Harman had been given the task.

Which is why the emergence of his opposition to ideas for cutting benefits for the sick and disabled — which must be at the heart of any serious attempt to reduce Britain's burgeoning welfare bill — is so significant. It also helps explain the background to a key announcement by Mr Blair. saved up for a speech in his constituency on Saturday and ultimately heavily overshadowed by the leak of Mr Blunkett's letter to Gordon Brown.

While the public disclosure of Mr Blunkett's uncompromising objection to many of the proposals under review at the Treasury and the Depart-ment of Social Security was a severe blow to the Government's composure over the weekend, it was no surprise to Mr Blair. He was sent a copy the letter which Mr wrote to Mr Brown



Blunkett: complained

on December 9, two days before 47 Labour MPs went into the lobbies against the proposal to reduce benefit for single parents.

There are almost certainly other (so far unleaked) letters from Cabinet ministers in the Whitehall system railing against various aspects of the no-holds-barred review being conducted with enthusiasm by Treasury that often tried and failed to persuade a Conservative government to adopt controversial cost-cutting measures. John Prescott has orivately warned the Cabinet that it must achieve a consen-

sus for reform. So when Mr Blair went to Sedgefield on Saturday, he had already taken a decision that may hold the key to the success or otherwise of the

welfare review, and of his premiership.

He announced that he would head a working party charged with welfare reform and with reducing the near £100 billion social security benefit. It produced the inevitable "Blair takes charge" interpretation and was intended to do so. If he did not know it

already, the lone parent vote crisis had convinced Mr Blair that the issue of welfare reform, so sensitive to his party but crucial to its hopes for a lengthy period in office, had become the most difficult of all. "Education, education and education" may be his stated priority. But no subject will take more of his time or energy over the 12 years than trying to force through a programme that will be judged both by the number of people he can take off benefit and into work and the savings

he can make. He will be taking on a worried parliamentary party, and a deeply suspicious party in the country. And as Mr Blunkett's letter showed, he has trouble in the Cabinet as well. Comparisons can justly be made with Margaret Thatcher's battle against the "wets" in the early years of her government, and more recent ones with Mr Blair's own successful campaign to scrap Clause Four.

Although the working par-ty's membership has not yet been fixed — Mr Brown, Ms Harman and Frank Field have so far been mentioned — Mr Blair may think it wise to make Mr Prescott a member. At the end of the review Mr Blair will probably have to bang a lot of heads together to

Tony Blair and his son Euan at St James's Park yesterday. The Prime Minister allowed photographers to capture their outing to the match

come up with anything that can be portrayed as a root-

and-branch shake-up. Mr Blunkett's intervention was not a good start for him. In spite of his protestations of support for the welfare review yesterday, Mr Blunkett will now be seen as the Cabinet champion of the cause of the disabled.

Yesterday, in a skilful BBC Radio interview, Mr Blunkett could not have given a stronger endorsement to the principles of welfare reform, getting people off benefit into work. stopping scroungers, preventing a situation where people on benefit do better than those in work. He sounded again like the reformer rather than the Cabinet rebel portrayed in yesterday's papers and news broadcasts.

But therein lies the problem for Mr Blair. All of his Cabinet will happily back the broad objective of welfare reform. But when it comes to the specifics, they may not be so amenable. With disability benefits costing the country £23 billion a year, it is inescapable that they will have to be tackled and the bill reduced.

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#### EXTRACTS FROM BLUNKETT'S LETTER TO GORDON BROWN

Dear Gordon, With disability benefits rusing at 6 per cent per annum in real terms there is no doubt that the DSS faces questions that have to be addressed radically. I must

however express grave anxiety ... at some of the proposals that are being considered... While we would welcome humane and sensitively judged reforms to support

disabled people to work ... deep cuts in the totality of support for those disabled people who either cannot work or can find only very modestly paid work would make a mockery of our professions on social exclusion and the construction of

a more just society. The misapplication of perhaps 12 per cent of spending on [the disability living allowance) has, of course, urgently to be stopped. Home visits and inquiries through questionnaires and datamatching would seem appropriate ways to tackle traud and abuse.

Since DLA is a benefit intended to provide a contribution to the extra costs associated with being disabled, as opposed to compensation for loss of income, and since the level of award is already differentiated to take account of the actual condition of the disabled person, it would not seem appropriate to tax, let alone to means test, it. We support a review of the

mobility components, but we would find it acceptable to

confine the higher rate only to those who are virtually unable to walk" if there were also to be a reduced middle rate for those who experience real pain or fatigue overquite short distances. We know that for disabled people mobility costs, especially transport to work, are

severe problem. Where we are strongly opposed to the thrust of the DSS's thinking on DLA is in the proposal for localisation. If localisation is to mean handing the well-being of disabled people, through DLA to local authority social service departments, it will be a recipe for confusion, impoverishment and inequity. Cash-strapped local authorities will inevitably fail to provide adequately

being cornered. Capping — particularly capping of intensified sever-- will mean local authorities will not have the may be to achieve short-term resources to provide adequate support for disabled people. They are a weak political constituency, whose claims will be outgurned by the claims of education, housing and other interests.

and will probably end up

In any case, local authorities lack the administrative tradition and means to cope with cash payments on the scale that would be required. We recognise significant problems in relation to linca-

pacity benefit. The differenfrom job seeker's allowance encourages people to present themselves. as disabled and the all-work

test encourages them to present themselves as incapable of work. The inadequacy of the eight-week linking period further discourages IB claimants from trying out work.

On welfare-to-work grounds we hope these problems will be addressed. . .

We also hope that incapacity benefit will be reviewed with a view to supporting disabled people to undertake voluntary activity, which is a good preparation for real work and is good for citizenship and social inclusion.

We disagree strongly with the suggestion that IB should be means-tested. Arguably, national insur-

ance is the social contract between Government, citizen and employer. To lose it would undermine social cohesion. The commitment to work must be secured by social insurance. Meanstesting -- seductive though it economies - creates disincentives to work, savings and honesty, in contradiction to the principle Harriet [Harman] has adopted.

it may well be appropriate to look to employers to provide [industrial injuries benefit] through private

To abolish industrial injuries benefit for existing claimants would surely be unacceptable politically. It would no doubt be a matter on which the Chief Whip would need to make a judgment. David Blunkett

#### Question is what sort of reform?

THE welfare state was defended by Tony Blair in a" speech to his constituency on: Saturday. The following is an:

extract of his comments: "The choice is simple. Do we think the current system? where we are set soon to spend? almost £100 billion a year butpoverty has rocketed, is fine? Or can we do better?

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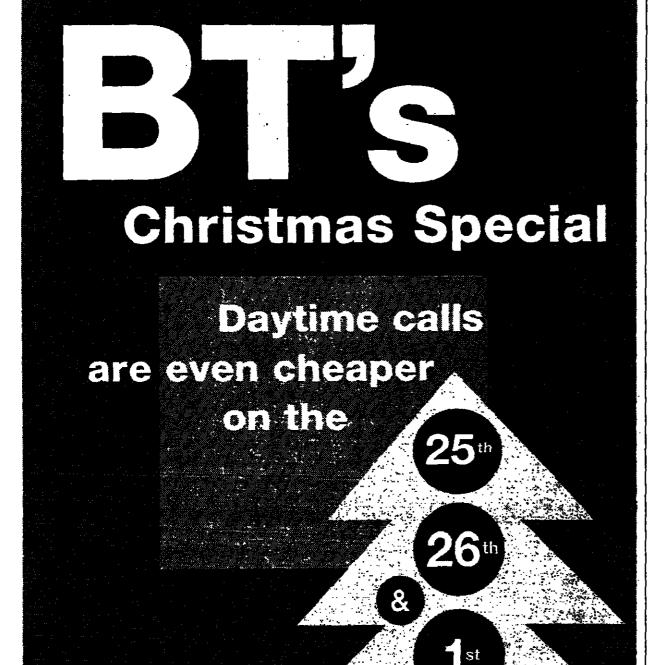
The question is not whether to reform but what sort of reform. The system is not working as the country wants. it to. And yet people are saying. 'Don't touch the system.'
"We believe in the responsi-

bility of society to help those who are in genuine need, unable to look after them-

"We believe in the responsibility of individuals to provide for themselves where they can do so. And we believe that for those who can work, work! poverty.

These were actually the guiding principles of Sir William Beveridge, well worth restating to see how far today's reality has departed from yesterday's vision.

"And I would add a fourth! principle. The system should be designed so that fraud and abuse are minimised, and rooted out wherever they are



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BT It's good to talk...this Christmas

## Lilley calls on Robinson to quit over deals

By Jon Ashworth

GEOFFREY ROBINSON, the Paymaster-General, faced fresh calls for his resignation yesterday amid claims that he broke the law by failing to disclose full details of share dealings linked to a Guernseybased trust.

Mr Robinson, who is facing growing public disquiet over his complex financial arrangements, is thought to have breached the Companies Act 1985 by failing to disclose all stages of a share transaction involving TransTec, the engineering company he founded. The Act says that a company director is under an obligation to notify the company of any deal to buy or sell shares.

The claims met with an angry reaction from the Conservatives, who repeated calls for Mr Robinson to resign.

Peter Lilley, the Shadow Chancellor, said: "Last week Tony Blair told the House of Commons that Geoffrey Robinson had not avoided any UK tax and that he had not broken

the law. The latest revelations tell a different story."

He added: "Line by line, Geoffrey Robinson's statements have been ripped apart. His credibility has been shot

to pieces. He should resign."
The register of share dealings by Mr Robinson in
TransTec suggests that the entry concerning deals in 1996 is incomplete. It shows that he acquired an interest in 9.8 million TransTec shares in August 1996, but not that he had the right to buy the shares at below market price, netting him a profit of £882,000.

The rights were sold to Stenbell, a UK company under Mr Robinson's control. which in turn struck a deal with the Guernsey-based Orion Trust, of which Mr Robinson and his family are beneficiaries.

Orion effectively put up the money needed to "exercise" the rights, before buying the shares from Stenbell. Doing the deal in stages had the effect of distancing Mr Robinson from Orion.

Mr Robinson is thought to have fallen foul of UK company law by failing to disclose all stages of the Stenbell-Orion deal. The Companies Act 1985 falls under the Department of Trade and Industry, which declined to comment

Mr Robinson yesterday stuck to a prepared statement issued on Friday in which he denied allegations of impropriety, and said he saw no reason why he should resign as a Treasury minister.

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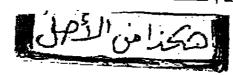
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# Skegness, the Christmas star in the East

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Damian Whitworth finds the windswept resort is the number one destination for discerning holdaymakers

THIS year's dream Christmas destination? Skegness. Turn up in the windswept Lincoln-skire coastal resort on Christ-mas Eve and you will be told there is no room at the inn. If you wanted a view of the North Sea you had to book

months ago.

Thousands may be flying but of Britain for the ski slopes or the Caribbean sun spots, but "Skeggy" is this year's unlikely hif. According to tourista chiefs it is all because of Skegness's Victorian charm.

Bob Suich, head of tourism

for East Lindsey District Council, said: "A lot of people think Skegness is dead at Christmas, but this year has taken off to such an extent we're finding the season is about to roll into one. We used to shut down for the winter. now we're gearing up for it. Christmas in Skegness has

become massive.

"People come here to get away from it all. It's mainly people whose sons and daughters have grown up and have families of their own and are in search of a relaxed, traditional break, away from the hassle and stresses often associated with Christmas.

"Visitors are attracted by the friendly nature it is good value for money and provides relaxing walks along the seafront with fresh clean air. It's a great place to recharge the batteries. Though the average temperature at this time of year is 6.5 centigrade, we are known as being on the drier side of Britain."

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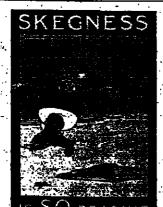
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In the summer, the population of 16.000 quadruples to fill 60,000 beds. Traditionally, many of the hotels and caravan sites have shut up shop for the winter, but in recent years more and more have stayed open and this year the council has declared that Skegness now has one, year-long

Gordon Cartwright, 58, chairman of the Hoteliers Association and proprietor of the White Lodge Guest House,



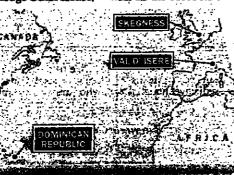
Town always appealed to the outdoor type

valled more obviously glamorous resorts.

The trend has been more and more for people to go away for Christmas and coming to Skegness is very easy because it's near the Al. We've got as much to offer as foreign holidays. There's lots to do, plenty of entertainment."

Neither should the weather put people off, he insisted. "It's bracing," he said indignantly, echoing the travel posters of yesteryear. The tourist board sell Skegness air in cans."

His guests are obviously not impressed with the alternatives, skiing in the French Alps, for example, or lazing on the beaches of the Dominican Republic: Mr Cartwright has been booked up for his three-night, full board Christmas break at £154 per person since last Christmas. "We can't fit everyone in during the Christmas week, so we've been packaging Christmas in weekends for the last four weeks. Guests arrive on Friday night, which we treat as Christmas Eve, and we serve up fish and chips and festive drinks. Saturday is treated as Christmas Day with all the trimmings on offer, and Sunday is Boxing Day. The weekend is mixed with all the usual festive food



#### **SKEGNESS**

walks along sandy beaches. bingo, indoor bowls. Christmas Day dance at the Embassy Centre. On Boxing Day a spectacular by students of the Ja-.nice Sutton dancing school opens at the same venue. Fish and chip shops open on Christmas Day

for Bunterish types still hungry after lunch. Cost: three nights full board, including Christmas lunch, at White Lodge,

**Weather:** Fresh, or freezing, depending on whether you come from Skegness or not. Downsides: See above.

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Cost: a Christmas break in a Ski Company chalet starts at £1,484. Weather: the snow has not been good so far, so the pistes are icy and crowded. Downsides: so full of English people you will probably meet some-body from the office.

and drink, as well as traditional activities such as dancing

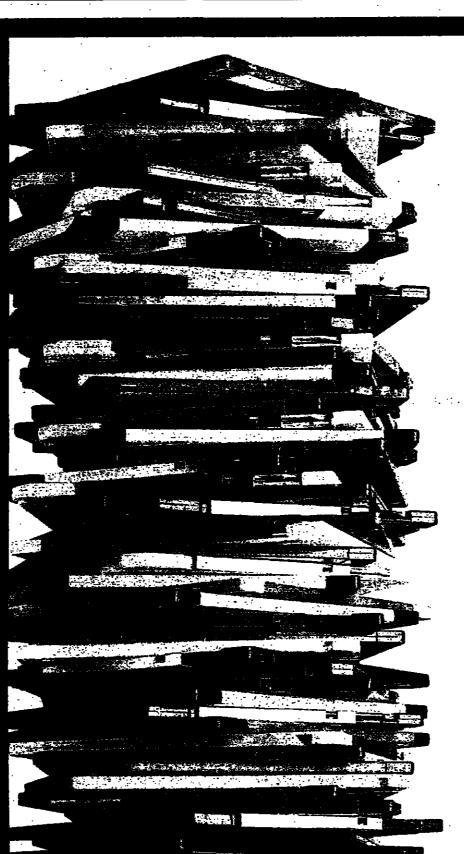
and hingo."
Jim Childs, who with his wife Christine runs The Vine, an 18th Century Victorian hotel just off the seafront, said this year was the best Christ-mas he had ever seen in Skegness. The town's amraction is typically British and traditional for Christmas time. It's order and relaxation. It's definitely a Victorian style Christmas holiday and, judg-ing by the increasing popularity, it appears more people want that."

Others, such as Bob Marsden, 48, who runs the Caxton House Hotel, have more prosaic reasons for the influx. "I can only guess it's because people get stuck in a rut," he said.

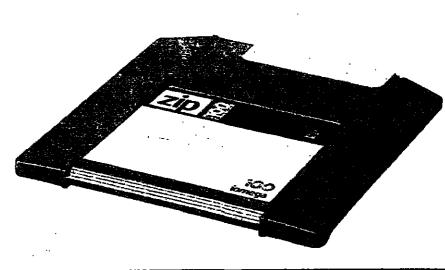
"I think a lot of people come to a place like this because for so many years they've got fed up of the hassle of a family Christmas. Rather than picking and choosing who to spend Christmas with and risking offending relatives, they take the easy way out and book a week away."



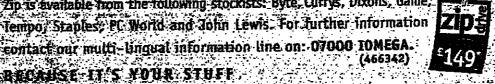
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# Driver held after brothers die in cycling trip crash

yesterday after two brothers and their brother-in-law were killed on a cycling expedition.

The three men were in a collision with an estate car while they were riding mountain bikes on an unlit country road. The crash happened at 5.30pm on Saturday near Blyth, Northumberland. Police have detained the 36year-old driver involved. They were granted an extension to the custody time yesterday evening, which meant they could detain him until this

morning.

The dead men, who all had children, were Henry Harrison, 38, Alan Harrison, 33. and Don Smith, 49. Raymond Walls, 25, a distant relative. was cycling with them but suffered only a broken leg. Mr Walls was released from hospital and is recovering with

A FAMILY was in mourning reflective clothing at the time of the accident, which happened as they were returning home after a cycling trip to nearby Seaton Sluice.

Henry Harrison, known locally as Bryan, was a former bus driver, and was described as a devoted single parent who looked after his eight-year-old son David. Alan Harrison, a recently qualified quantity surveyor, leaves behind a wife. Clare, and a five-month-old baby Jessica.

Mr Smith, a plumber, was married to the brothers' sister Elizabeth. He had two children from a previous marriage and Elizabeth has three children.

The brother of Henry and Alan. Peter Harrison. 36. said. "We are all vesterday: stunned. We have been up all night and just can't believe what has happened. Everyone is devastated." He added: "They were keen cyclists and

had lights on their bikes. They wore reflective clothing too.

There are around six of us who have been cycling for two years on mountain bikes. We are not in any club, we just do it for a bit of fun and exercise. We would go out and enjoy ourselves whenever we could.

The whole family is very close. We see each other every day. It is impossible to comprehend the loss we feel. "This has completely devasrated us. We are all very close

pockets for years." The fourth Harrison brother, John, 45, lives in New Zealand. There are four sisters in the family. Peter said that the whole family traditionally got together for Christmas. He

and have lived in each other's

said: Christmas will still go on. We are still a family and we will have to have Christmas for the sake of the children. I don't think I'll be using my bike again."



Cheryl Tooze and Jonathan Jones: she fought to free him from jail after he was convicted of her parents' murder

#### Freed man celebrates girlfriend's pregnancy

A WOMAN whose elderly parents were shot dead is expecting a baby by the man wrongly convicted of their murder. Cheryl Tooze and Jonathan Jones have been told their baby is due on the fifth anniversary of the

Mr Jones, 37, said yesterday it was "spooky" that the expected delivery date of July 26 coincides with the date Harry and Megan Tooze were killed. Cheryl Tooze battled to free Mr Jones after he was convicted of murdering the pair at their isolated farmhouse in Llanharry, Bridgend, South Wales. He was released from jail in April 1996 after the Court of Appeal found the conviction unsafe.

Ms Tooze, also 37, said: We are both delighted. It's the best thing that's happened to us in years. It's as it my parents wanted July to be a happy month for me again, although of course it will always be a sad time.

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## Scots to vote often for their new assembly

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

THE first elections to the Scottish parliament will take place on Thursday. May 6. 1999, the Government an-nounced yesterday. The ballot will be the first in Britain to use a form of proportional representation.

The vote will be conducted on the same day as local government elections in Scot-land. Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, said he hoped that combining the two elections would encourage more people to vote for what will be Scotland's first parliament in

almost 300 years.
The elections will be held subject to Parliamentary approval of the Scotland Bill. published last week.

Mr Dewar also confirmed mounting speculation that the cost of the new parliament building was likely to be considerably higher than the £40 million estimate, set out in the Devolution White Paper in July It has now been suggested that the building could cost between £80 million and

E100 million. Initially the Scottish Office, which will foot the bill, believed that 12,000sq m would be sufficient to house the 129 members of the Scottish par-

liament (MSPs). But visits by: civil servants to other modern parliaments in Europe revealed this would be too small. Mr Dewar said: "We have got to have a building that is fit, that has dignity and the appropriate facilities. We are going to have to add a considerable amount of square footage. So the original estimate for the building itself is likely

to go up."

The location for the parliament will be chosen next month from a shordist of four sites. Feasibility studies ordered by the Government will be made public tomorrow, Three of the sites are in Edinburgh city centre and one is outside the city, at Leithdocklands.

It is unlikely that the building will be completed in time for the first sitting of the parliament, and accommodation

sought.
Under the new PR electoral system. Scots will be given two votes: one to elect one of 73: constituency MSPs and the other to elect a regional MSP. or "additional" member. Individuals, or independents, would be allowed to stand as additional members.



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# Duchess of York reaps benefit from season of goodwill

Health scare has given her a rare burst of sympathy from a press which suddenly sees her as a victim of the Royal Family, writes Alan Hamilton

THE Duchess of York sets out with her daughters. Princess Beatrice and Princess Euge-nie for their Christmas holiday at Sandringham today, wafted on their way by a breeze of unusually sympathetic press coverage.

Sunday newspaper readers could have been forgiven for imagining that the duchess. portrayed as downtrodden and hard-done-by, had started a media offensive to wreak revenge on a Royal Family pictured as dumping her in 1992 with a pittance of a divorce settlement compared to that negotiated by her fellow outcast, the late Diana, Princess of Wales.

Yesterday, however, the duchess's spokeswoman dismissed any suggestion of a oncerted campaign to win sympathy and a possible renegotiation of divorce terms. She ascribed the sudden upsurge in friendly interest to tabloid overexcitement at the duchess's hospital appointment last week, when an hour-long consultation and a biopsy con-firmed that, whatever she might be suffering from, it was certainly not cancer.

What is known, however, is that the duchess, who has paid off her £4.2 million overdraft at Coutts, faces a demand for more than £700,000 from the Inland Revenue for her 1996 earnings, and that, to sort out her financial affairs, she has retained Anthony Julius, the lawyer who negotiated Diana. Princess of Wales's E17 million divorce settlement. When the duchess divorced in 1992, she received £800,000, plus a further £1.4 million placed in trust for her children.

"She has finally realised what she should have done



The Sunday papers gave the duchess unaccustomed backing as she set off for Christmas at Sandringham

contracts herself," the spokes-

woman said. She was unable to say whether the duchess had instructed lawyers to seek a better deal from the Queen to cover the cost of bringing up her children. Buckingham Palace said yesterday it knew nothing of any attempt by the duchess to renegotiate terms.

After last week's rash of cancer scare stories, the chorus of "poor Fergie" was resumed on Saturday, with the Daily Mail suggesting that the duchess's health might be suffering from being frozen out by the Royal Family, and being billed by the Royal Household for such niggardly items as £75 for lightbulbs for her temporary home at Sunninghill Park, and £100 for laundry during a

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knees. Sarah is said to be not only depressed, but fright-ened," the Mail said. Such fine detail as lightbulb bills is garnered only when leaked to sympathetic newspapers by unnamed and unknown sources wishing to advance the duchess's cause and ensure some small degree of rehabilitation for her on the

Yesterday's Mail On Sunday continued the offensive, painting a picture of Dickensian bleakness of how the duchess will spend Christmas alone in Wood Farm on the Sandringham estate watching videos, while her children are up at the big house partying with their grandmother, their father and the rest of the Royal

edges of the Royal Family.

"Having managed to clear so much of her overdraft, it would only be human of her to

help her clear the rest," the

paper said.
The rival Express yesterday published a story suggesting that the Queen had delivered "the final insult to Fergie" by refusing to allow her to con-vert the stable block at the Yorks' former marital home at Sunninghill as a residence for herself and her daughters. The duchess, recovering from a virus infection, stress and exhaustion, believes it's the

final act of being frozen out," the Express said. The Sunday Times claimed that the duchess would try to negotiate more money from the Queen to cover her children's living expenses. Their school fees, and an annual living allowance of £2,000 for each child, are paid by their father from his £37,000-a-year Royal Navy pay but, the paper

claimed, the duchess was still left severely out of pocket. The duchess's spokeswoman said yesterday that some of the reports were exaggerated. "She is quite relaxed about going to Wood Farm for Christmas; it is exactly the same arrangement that has pertained for several years past. As for not being allowed to convert the stables at Sunninghill, it was a possibility that was briefly considered right months ago, but there have been no

Although the Queen and the duchess are said to remain on friendly terms, any attempt to make peace with the duchess is likely to be resisted by the Duke of Edinburgh, who has always considered her somewhat vulgar, and who was reportedly furious at her interview on American television when she said that she had turned down an invitation to last month's royal golden wed-

developments."



The Duke and Duchess of York with Princess Beatrice at the ballet on Saturday

Abbey because she had not been asked to any parties afterwards.

Friends, and even the official spokeswoman, had to make rapid excuses for her remarks, saying that they were completely out of character because the duchess was so confused and exhausted by a

francie work schedule. Despite the best efforts of the weekend papers, winning sympathy for the duchess is not the easiest of

☐ The former butler to Diana, Princess of Wales, is expected to receive a £50,000 bequest from her will, according to reports vesterday. Relatives of

the Princess asked for the bequest to be made to Paul Burrell, whom she called "my rock". Lawyers acting for the Princess's estate went to the High Court last Thursday to add extra legacies to the \$21 million will, which had not been updated at the time of her

#### **Tribute** to Diana will swell Queen's audience

By ALAN HAMILTON

AFTER years of declining interest the Queen's traditional Christmas broadcast is likely to have its biggest-ever audience this year, with demand suelled by the death of

Diana. Princess of Wales. Although Buckingham Palace has resolutely refused to disclose the contents of the programme in advance, the Queen is believed to have included a moving tribute to her former daughter-in-law. The programme, recorded by the Queen at Windsor last week, will include footage of the Princess's funeral as well as shots of the Queen's controversial tour of India and Pakistan, her golden wedding celebrations at Westminster Abbey, and the restoration of Windsor Castle after the fire.

Suggestions that the Queer perform live, in the wake of her live address before the Princess's funeral were eventually rejected in favour of a pre-recorded documentarystyle ten-minute programme

A recent opinion poll found that this year's was likely to be watched by a record audience, after a recent decline. Last year's audience was II million. from 17.4 million in 1985.

Continuing media interest in the Princess's death prompted her mother. Frances Shand Kydd, to issue an appeal vesterday for peace and privacy over Christmas. after Paris-Match published what it claimed to be her daughter's last interview.

In a handwritten messag faxed to the Press Association, Mrs Shand Kydd said: "During the last few days. many speculative articles have been printed concerning my daughter Diana. Christmas is as difficult for her beloved sons. William and Harry, and for all her family and close friends, as it is for all families who have recently suffered a bereavement. I ask on behalf of Diana's family, that we may all be left in peace and silence by the media.

## Pall-bearer hired by Al Fayed



Bartlett, second from left, carrying the Princess's coffin

ONE of the pall-bearers at the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, begins work today as a security guard for Mohamed Al Fayed (Tim Jones writes). hilip Bartlett, 23, one of 12 Welsh Guardsmen who carried the coffin on to the gun carriage at Kensington Palace, said he considered it a privilege to work for the Harrods

He will begin his Eló,500-a-

year job on the shopfloor of the Knightsbridge store and hopes eventually to be part of "A team" responsible for Mr Al Payed's protection.

Mr Bartlett, of Brecon, Powys, said that, after the funeral, he sent Mr Al Fayed a photograph of the Welsh Guards carrying the coffin. "He wrote back to say he would never forget how a single carnation thrown by someone in the crowd stayed on the coffin because we held it so still."

The guardsman, who left the Army a week ago after serving for four years, was one of 50 applicants for the post. He said: "The protection of VIPs is my field and that is where I see my future.

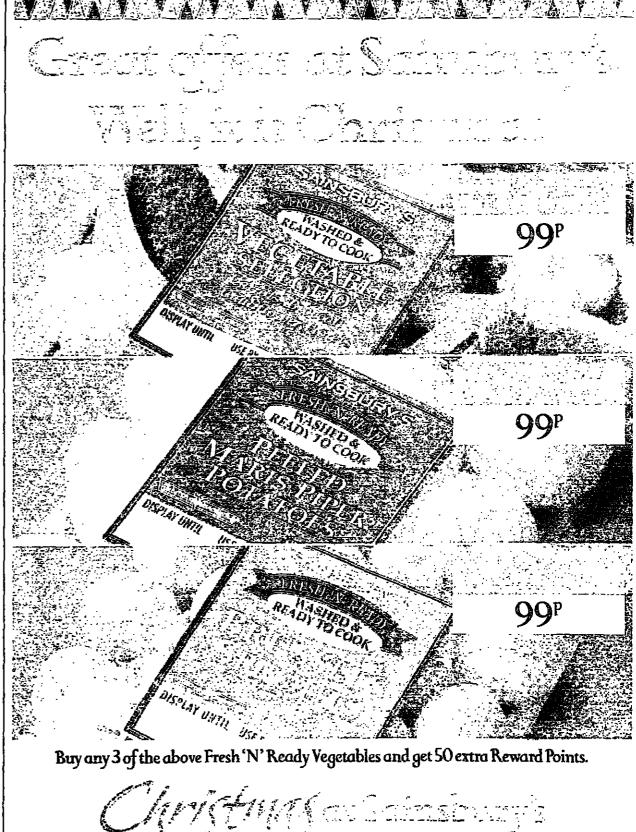
"I decided to leave the Army because I could not see myself progressing beyond the rank of guardsman. I played rugby all the time for the regiment and that meant there was no time to go on promotion courses. In any event, al-though I loved the Army. I wanted more freedom and girlfriend and my little daughter, Bryony.'

Recalling the funeral, he said: The moment I will always remember is when we saw Diana's coffin for the first time. We were all choked by the wreath on top with the card which said 'Mummy'. When we walked out of Kensington Palace the emotion of the crowd hit us like a brick. I still can't express how I felt. It was a great honour, but also one of the saddest moments of my life,"
Mr Bartlett believes he can

progress in the organisation to post similar to that held by Trevor Rees-Jones, the bodyguard who survived the crash that killed the Princess and Dodi Fayed.



Bartlett: he hopes to become a bodyguard



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# Public service is a case of jobs for the boys

WHITEHALL EDITOR

WOMEN are still heavily outnumbered by men on public bodies, according to figures released by the Cabinet Office. Some % per cent of appoint-

ments to the Ministry of Defence last year went to men. At the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the split is S8 per cent men and 12 per cent

Ministers and senior officials are clearly embarrassed by the generally poor record of women's appointments, which is disclosed in Public Bodies, the annual audit of such organisations. which was quietly released in the Commons last week. One Whitehall source explained that, as most of the information applied to the previous Government, it was thought better to release the document without a fanfare.

The Scottish Office has the best record in government for promoting women, with 47

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per cent of jobs taken by women. In the Welsh Office, however, ministers are deeply concerned that they are un-able to find suitable women candidates to fill vacancies on

retary, was convinced that ernments had operated a "jobs for the boys" system in Wales and, within weeks of office, he

caused a furore in government

suitable for public appointments and placed advertisements in the Welsh press, inviting people to send in their names for consideration.

Last week, however, he called an urgent meeting of Welsh women MPs to lament the fact that just 29 per cent of applications came from

The Ministry of Defence last night insisted that it was making every effort to give women more opportunities in the Armed Forces and throughout the organisation. More women were being recruited to frontline posts in

Harriet Harman, the Cabinet Minister in charge of women's issues, and Joan-Ruddock, Minister for Women, are certain to order urgent action to address the situation. They have embarked on regional visits to try to encourage women to put their names forward for public appoint-



Joan Ruddock, left, and Harriet Harman: encouraging women to put their names forward for appointments

## Repeal of sex discrimination laws 'would help job prospects'

By Nictiolas Wood

WOMEN would be better off without laws banning sex discrimination at work, according to a right-wing attack on feminism.

A forthcoming report from the Institute of Economic Affairs says that the free market offers women a stronger guarantee of equal opportunity than legislation covering

equal pay, state-subsidised childcare, and affirmative action measures to persuade employers to recruit women.

David Conway, the author, believes that the approach of most feminists is neither necessary nor effective in promoting women's interests. These measures are both costly, ineffective and deprive women of the opportunity to be the which many still appear to want to be." Professor Conway, of Middlesex University, says in a draft of his report A Woman's Place is in the

unfettered operation of the free market is the best means of eliminating the obstacles to equal opportunities. Firms should be allowed to pay men and women different wages for the same work. in such a free-for-all, women would be able to move into areas traditionally dominated by men by undercutting their wages. If they wished, women could also set up female-only businesses.

Professor Conway says that the effect of free competition would be selection and promotion on merit.

"Otherwise, the discriminating firm would go out of business."

In a further act of heresy, he condemns plans for state-subsidised childcare as restricting the choices available to couples. The costs of the State providing or subsidising childcare would so increase tax rates as to compel many women to work, even though they preferred to look after their

own pre-school children at home." He also rejects affirmative action as "profoundly flawed" because such policies are self-defeating and there are no good reasons for compensating today's women for

the injustices of the past. Unless women are appointed and promoted solely and exclusively on the basis of merit, their achievements are always liable to be supposed by themselves and others to be owed less to their merit than to discrimination in favour of

He says that "free-market feminism is the way to advance women's opportunities at work. "Women have not escaped the tyranny of men to fall victim to a no-less oppressive form of tyranny exercised by doctrinaire feminists





The Amboseli Elephant Research Project in Kenya monitors 1,000 elephants

## Elephants saved from cruel life in the circus

**DELVES BROUGHTON** 

DEEP in Tennessee, the sound of trumpeting elephants rises above the tree line. The animals appear delighted to be in safe hands after a life of maltreatment on the road with circuses. Their sanctuary stretches across 112 acres of wooded pasture; it is run by two Americans Carol Buckley and Scott Blais, with help from the Born Free Foundation, one of the two charities nominated by The Times for its Christmas appeal.

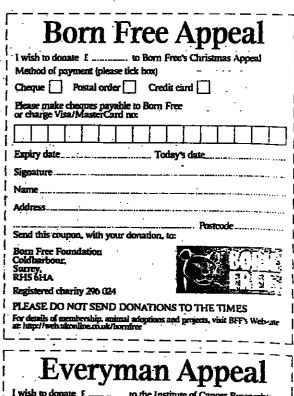
Jenny the elephant had

been in circuses for 27 years when she was taken to the sanctuary. She was blind in one eye, had a broken and infected tusk and diseased hind feet. In six months she has rediscovered her spirit. She scrambles all over the sanctuary and has put on a good amount of weight.

The foundation's support for work with elephants is not limited, however, to the American Deep South. Since 1989, it has lent its muscle to the fight against the trade in ivory. In Tanzania, it has given two Tovota Landcruisers to the Government's anti-poaching patrols in the north and central areas of the country. It also assists in the maintenance of vehicles that cover thousands of bumpy miles.

phant Research Project in Kenya, the longest-running field research project for elephants in the world, the foundation has recently bought a vehicle and camera equipment It has paid for one of the researchers to do a three-month course in statistical analysis at Sussex University, which will help in the monitoring of 1,000 elephants around Amboseli.

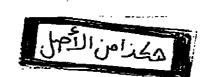
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## <sup>e</sup> Worst outbreak of meningitis is likely to escalate

worst outbreak of meningitis, the deadly brain and blood poisoning disease, for half a century. Experts are urging the public - especially parents of young children — to be vigiliant over Christmas and the new year as December and January are the worst months for infection.

Julia Warren, of the Meningitis Research Foundation, said yesterday: "We are at a 50-year peak. Why, we do not know. But it may be that people's immune systems are suppressed, making them more susceptible to the

This year there have been more than 2,300 cases of the two most severe forms of the disease, meningococcal men-ingitis and septicaemia, and 240 deaths. But Ms Warren said cases this year were likely to surpass the 1947 total of 2,500. The highest number of cases this century was during

#### **TUMBLER TEST**

If the patient exhibits a rash, press a glass firmly against the skin. If the spots fail to disappear, this could indicate could meningitis.

the war years of 1942-44, when there were 12,000 to 13.000 cases annually.

Experts believe that the extremely high level of cases was due to people living in close proximity in army barracks or air raid shelters. Meningitis is spread when people are in close contact, such as when kissing or if someone sneezes.

The foundation has launched a television commercial featuring a simple test using a glass. If a rash is discovered and is still there after being pressed with a glass, the patient should seek urgent medical help.

"In many cases last year parents found out too late that a child was seriously ill. The disease is very difficult to diagnose as the symptoms are similar to flu, but people have to trust their instincts and seek medical help if they feel it is

Parents are being advised to be vigilant at the worst time of year for infection. Experts advise them to use a simple and quick test that can save lives, reports Nick Nuttall

60 per cent of sufferers get both inflammation of the

At St Mary's Hospital in

West London, paediatricians

have treated 100 seriously ill

children this year, more than

the number treated last year.

trial of a treatment that app-

ears to stop septic shock

killing the most seriously ill

patients. They are treating patients with a protein synthesised from white blood

cells. "It blocks the cascade of

toxic shock that sets in when patients have septicaemia," said Saul Faust, who is help-

ing to conduct the trial.

Doctors at the hospital are taking part in an international

brain and blood poisoning

something more serious. The glass test is very effective and they used it."

Valerie Bright, of King's Somborne in Hampshire, believes that using the tumbler test saved her daughter Hayley, 3. "Hayley was taken ill during the night," she said. "She was sick several times and had a temperature. I thought it was a stomach bug, but, after she woke for the third time. I spotted a rash and spots on her legs and

"I remembered seeing a television advert which recommended using a tumbler on a rash to see if it might be meningitis. If the rash stays, you should call a doctor. Hayley's rash stayed and I rang my GP straight away. He came and gave her penicillin.

"He said we had to get her to hospital quickly. Waiting for an ambulance would have meant too much of a delay. So we put her in a neighbour's car for the 20-minute drive to the hospital. By the time we got to hospital, she was slipping into unconsciousness and had gone into shock."

Her daughter was put on a drip and given more antibiotics to combat the infection. Doctors praised Ms Bright and her GP for acting so quickly. "We were told that, if we had left it another hour, Hayley might well have died." Ms Bright said.

Doctors are also warning parents of older children to be vigilant. They have been alarmed by a 30 per cent increase this year in the number of cases of meningococcal septicaemia, particularly among adults under 25.

Meningococcal meningitis causes an inflammation of the brain: meningococcal septicaemia causes blood poisoning that can lead to organ



St Mary's Hospital in West London: testing new therapy for septic shock resulting from meningitis

## Readers' quest for calm leads to stampede

BY PHILIP DELVES BROUGHTON

THE most extraordinary publishing success of the year has been The Little Book of Calm. Hundreds of thousands of people have paid £1.99 for a book just 3in by 4in and contain ing no more than 1,000 words of advice.

This week the book was at No 2 in the paperback bestseller charts. It has been in the top ten since its publication in October last year and has sold 1.4 million copies. Next year the sequel, Calm At Work will be published by Penguin.

The book is the work of Paul Wilson, an Australian advertising executive, who has followed the career path of such advertisers as Peter Mayle and Nicholas Evans, author of The Horse Whisperer.

Wilson's book is a hotchpotch of every alternative health and cod philosophical notion on the market. He recommends the "rediscovery of milk" for the relaxing powers it contains, even though it would take gallons of the stuff to have a noticeably relaxing effect.

He advises on deep breathing and, for bad sleepers, he suggests a tips include: "Declare today a holiday", and "Make friends with a masseur". On his Calm Web site. Mr Wilson, who is pic-

tured in meditative pose expresses his admiration for meditation. He writes: "I've always been interest-ed in meditation for what it does, rather than for what it is. I just like the way great achievements come from being calm."

For one so calm, Mr Wilson is remarkably dynamic in the promotion of his business. Calm is a burgeoning trade. He produces Calm CDs with titles including Orchestrated Calm, Masters of Calm and Deep Calm.

He has run the Calm Centre in Sydney since 1995. It is described as "a think-tank involving psychologists, natural therapists, film-makers, composers and musicions

His methods have been attacked by psychologists, who believe he is selling platitudes that deal in superficialities. But Mr Wilson daims: "Clinical proof can get in the way of things that actually work for people."

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Joseph, his half-brother Tony, and the tumbler he urged his mother to use that may have saved Joseph's life

#### Boy's life saved by watchful brother

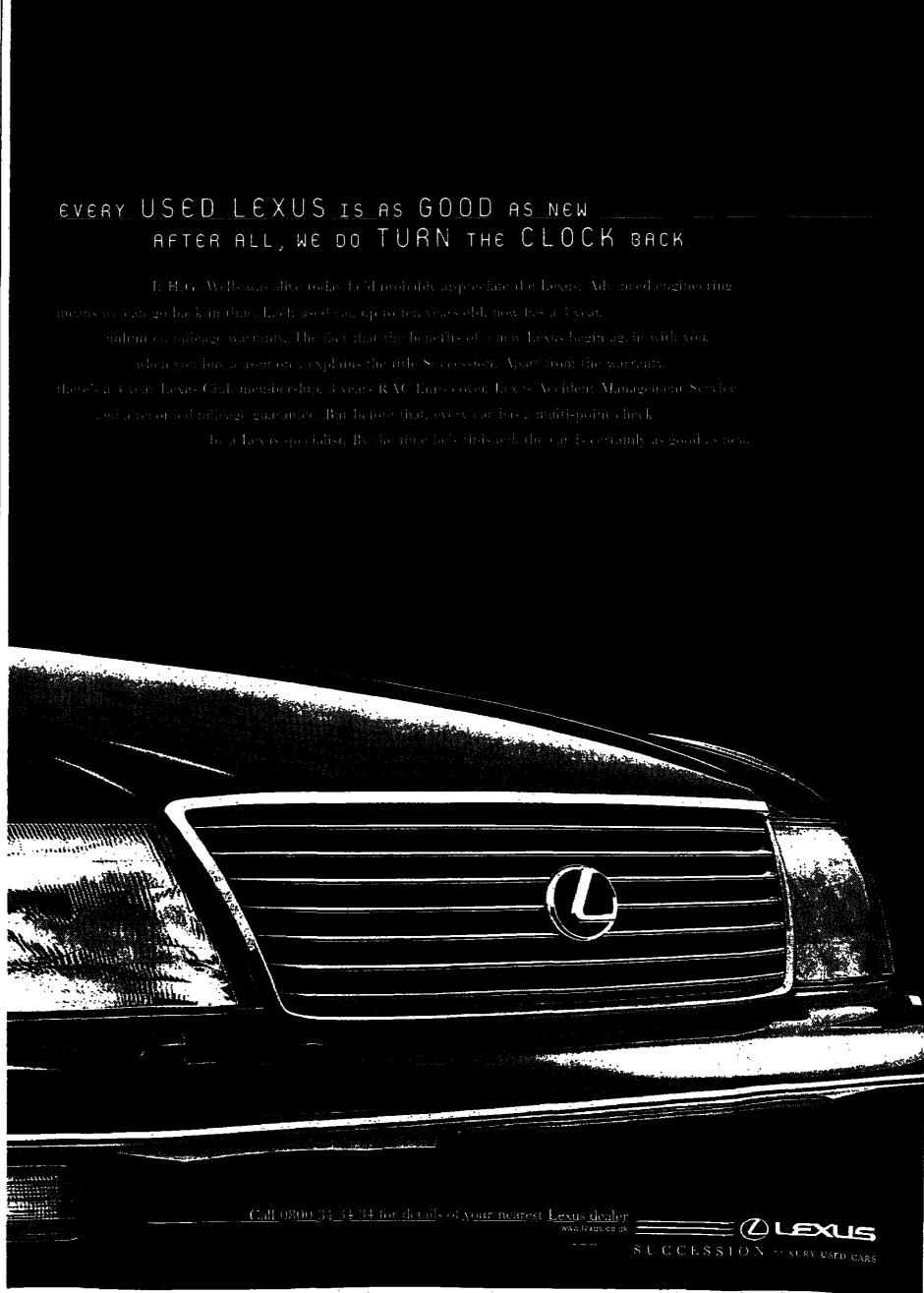
TONY SCOTT may have saved the life of his four-yearold half-brother when experts failed to detect meningitis.

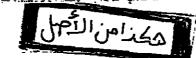
when a doctor said the rash on Joseph Earle's body was a virus. When spots started to appear on Joseph's feet, as well as his stomach, Tony urged his mother, Susan, 35 to do the tumbler test he had seen on television.

She pressed a glass on to Joseph's feet and the spots doctor and Joseph was quickly admitted to hospital where meningitis was diagnosed. Jo-seph has his half-brother to thank that he escaped with nothing worse than a minor

vision defect. His stepfather, Gary, 34, a bus driver from Blyth in Northumberland, said: "What Tony did was excellent. He saved Joseph's life because he had meningococcal septi-caemia and we caught it early."

Tony said: "People say I have done very well, but I'm just glad I saw the advert and was able to do something."





# Cost of family Christmas goes down — by £9

at 2.8 per cent, but at least one thing is falling — the cost of Christmas.

The bill for the average family's Christmas is £209.50, down £9 from last year's total and the first fall in at least four years. However, the figure is almost 312 times more than it was in 1977, according to the longest established Christmas price index calculated in Britain.

Particularly useful savings were registered on the costs of Christmas trees, crackers, cards and gift wrapping, with cheaper gin, brandy and pud-ding also contributing to the improvement. But potatoes have trebled in price since last year, and turkey, brussels sprouts, mince pies, chocolates, Christmas cake and

beer are also more expensive. The index was devised by a Conservative MP who became Minister for Consumer Affairs and chairman of the National Consumer Council. The basket of items chosen to represent the "average" family's Christmas is odd in several respects: the index insists on fresh turkey, at-El.35 a pound this year.

Falling price of crackers,

trees and gin

is welcome gift for 'average'

family, writes

**Robin Young** 

sold frozen, in which form they cost a mere 49p a pound. The turkey apparently goes unstuffed and without trimmings. The index does not mention bacon, chipolata sausages or cranberry sauce. The family is also expected to survive Christmas without a single satsuma or any other

They do not drink wine and have only one pint of beer between them, although they When the figures were first calculated in 1973 by Baron-

drink three bottles of spirits. ess Oppenheim-Barnes, then Sally Oppenheim, Conservacost of providing a married couple and two children with all the Christmas trimmings itemised in her list was £34.892. Mrs Oppenheim claimed in 1977 that, under a Labour Government, the cost of Christmas had doubled since 1973, and she produced a shopping list to prove it.

same items regularly since 1978, revisiting the same North London supermarket

This year's 121b Christmas pudding, for example, is in fact a 454g (1lb) pudding with a second of ZZ7g (2lb) added to make up the weight. Most puddings in the shop, with descriptions such as "luxury" "connoisseur" and "extra rich and fruity", were pricier.

Where equivalents were no longer available, it was assurned for the purpose of this year's calculation that the family had no choice but to

The Times has recosted the

to compare prices. Many things have happened to com-plicate the calculations in the intervening years. Metrica-tion and changing habits have induced manufacturers to abandon some of the weights specified by Mrs

> became impossible to buy sheets of wrapping paper in the store. A roll of gift wrap was substituted, saving £2.16. The saving on Christmas cards owed something to the fact that, last year, the store

cheaper ranges.

Being a supposedly "average" family, "luxury" or "premium" qualities have been ignored where more basic goods are offered. How-

are "deep-filled", and were on special promotion reduced from 89p. The shop had no standard pies on offer.

The Christmas tree shows a saving because this year the store reintroduced Norwehad sold out early of its gian spruce. The more needle-retentive Nordman variety would have cost £18.99, and would have pushed this year's total above that for 1996.

The three bottles of spirits

brand, but all are 5cl smaller than they were in 1973, when the standard bottle size was still 75cl. The solitary pint of beer, of course, comes from a British supermarket, not Calais, where it might have been bought for 14p, or a pub, where it might have cost

As always, it would be possible to buy many of the goods more cheaply from

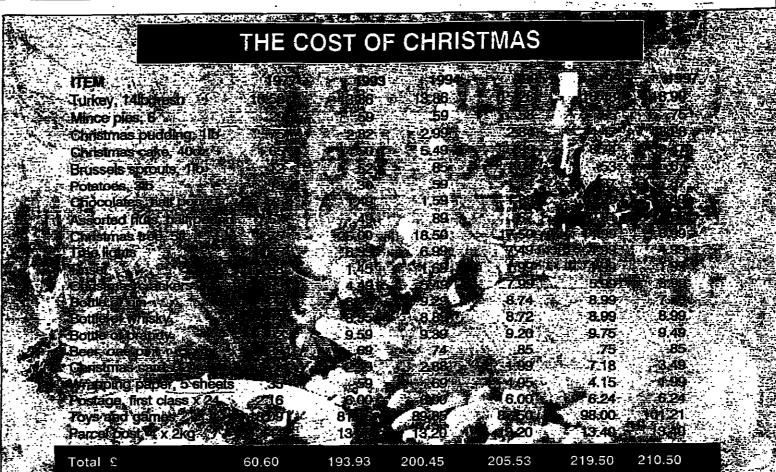
lar, vary widely and no mod-ern child would be content with the meagre choice of games and toys available in our supermarket.

None of the toys and games in the selection priced in 1978 remains on sale, so we priced an up-to-date selection from those now in stock. Even so. that included nothing from the Spice Girls or Teletubbies

The £101 we spent on toys is

not much above the national average per child, but is supposed to buy presents for two. Even so, family expenditure on toys, up 512 times since 1977 in our survey, has shown one of the more rapid escalations in the list. Among the most stable prices in the list are those of the nuts.

brandy and the turkey. The complete figures for 1977, 1993, 1994, 1995, last year



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## Drink-drive campaign 'undermined' by pub prices

A GOVERNMENT minister yesterday criticised pub landlords for undermining the Christmas drink-drive campaign by charging extortion-ate prices for soft drinks.

Nigel Griffiths, the Con-sumer Affairs-Minister, said he was outraged that, in some bars, a pint of lemonade could cost more than a pint of beer. Unless prices were reduced, he said, he would introduce orders forcing licensees to display the prices of soft

drinks.
Mr Griffiths said: "With all the duties on beer. I think it is absurd that a pint of lemonade can be more than a pint of alcohol. High prices for soft drinks fly in the face of the Government's drink-drive campaign. If every pub followed the practices of the best, there would be no need for government action."

Although soft-drink sales in pubs are worth more than El billion a year, customers, he claimed, were offered little choice, poor quality and small measures. "I cannot instruct the pub trade to charge a certain amount, but I can force them to list their prices, though I am boping some kind of agreement can be reached."

In some pubs, customers are charged the equivalent of £3 a pint for a bottle of mineral water. Some of the biggest mark-ups are for soft drinks mixed on the premises using

syrup and carbonated water. Mike Ripley, of the Brewers and Licensed Retailers Association, dismissed the complaint as "a very common moan and a very British one". He said: "if people want cheap orange juice, then they should go to the supermarket and not to the pub. Seats in pubs have certain costs, whatever the customer is drinking. But at



Griffiths: said price of lemonade was absurd

Christmas and New Year there are all kinds of offers for drivers who are not consum-

ing alcohol."

Mr Ripley claimed that a tour of any bar in the world would confirm that soft-drink prices in Britain were the cheapest. "I do not believe it is justified to say the price of soft drinks is hampering the

drink-drive campaign.

Many pubs, he said, already displayed soft-drink prices and a general order would not be resisted by the trade. Al-ready, after discussions with Department of Trade and Industry officials, some pub chains have agreed to reduce the price of soft drinks.

One landlord said: "As usual, the politicians show they do not really understand the trade. Profit margins are low and we cannot afford to have office girls sitting down for an hour drinking orange squash at 10p a go."

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#### PINT OF WATER CAN COST UP TO £3

Beer drinkers in the South of England, where prices are higher than the rest of the country; can expect to pay between £1.80 and £2.20 for a pint of bitter, or between £2 and £2.40 for

lager. But a tectotaller whose tipple is toxic water or ginger ale would need far more money to have a

At the Old Rose pub in Wapping East London, his past of ginges ale would

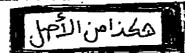
Mineral water would set him back between £2 and E3, and orange juice up to

half-pint of orange and soda will set the customer back 90p.

A customer would have to fork out about £1.20 for a small whisky, while a modest slurp of sherry will cross the counter for £1.40. At the Abercrombie in central Manchester, a pint of ale costs £1.50 and a pint

of lager EL70.
A small bottle of orange juice will sell for the equiv alent of £3 a pint. A gin costs £1.36 and the

lonic to go with it 73p. Drinkers of mineral water will pay fise equivalent of



# Millennium doom at site of Armageddon



The end of the world is virtually nigh, Christopher Walker reports

ISRAEL is to use the latest in computer technology to provide millions of pilgrims flocking to the Holy Land with the ultimate experience at the spot marking the world's ultimate battlefield.

The biblical site of Armageddon, which in Hebrew means the Mount of Megiddo, is to be transformed for the millennium into an "intellectual theme park" where pilgrims will experience the final battle between good and evil that many Christians believe will signal the end of the world.

At present best known for its fortress-style maximum security prison housing hundreds of Pales-tinians accused of terrorist of fences, the site of the apocalyptic vision outlined by John on the island of Patmos in Revelation, the last book of the New Testament, is set to become one of the most coveted spots for those seeking a special religious experience in and around 2000. As one headline put it: "Israel plans a hell of a party at

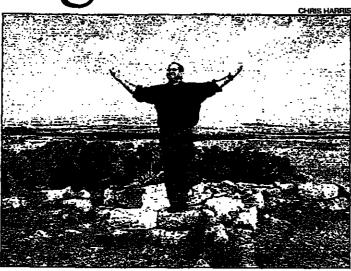
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At a cost of millions of pounds and in co-operation with the com-puter giant IBM, Israel will begin work next month in creating what the planners describe as a "virtual Armageddon" on the historic mound of stones and palm trees overlooking the spectacular Jezreel Valley where the final battle is oposed to be tough

Standing astride the great trunk road known to the Romans as Via Maris, from Egypt in the south to Syria and former Mesopotamia in the north, it has throughout the ages been the scene of mighty

These ranged from the bloody encounter between the forces of Pharaoh Thutmose III and a coalition of Canaanite kings in the 15th century BC, through the biblical clash between the Israelites and the Canaanites recounted in the Song of Deborah (Judges v) to the heroic defeat of the Turks at the



Zeev Margalit: knows plan is being dubbed "Apocalypso"

end of the First World War by General Edmund Allenby, later to become Lord Allenby of Megiddo. With a combination of computer

graphics created in a system known as "magic windows", holograms, sound and light shows and the imaginative siting of 14 new multimedia "vistors' centres", the project involves a controversial empt to bring the past alive while trying to put flesh and blood

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live in the land tremble. For the day of the Lord is coming . . . like dawn spreading across the mountains, a mighty army comes, such as never was, nor ever will be in ages to come ?

on the words of Old Testament prophecy in Joel ii, I, describing the future battle meant to usher in the end of days: "Let all who live in the land tremble. For the day of the Lord is coming ... like dawn spreading across the mountains, a large and mighty army comes, such as never was of old, nor ever will be in ages to come." In charge of the project is Zeev Margalit, who is aware that cynics and religious purists alike are dubbing the ambitious scheme "Apocalypso" and accusing the planners of cheapening the extraordinary past of Armageddon.

Sitting in his Galilee office perched over the Jezreel Valley, with Nazareth clearly visible some 20 miles away and Israeli warplanes, roaring overhead on their way to bombing missions in Lebanon, the only sound disturbing the bucolic calm, Mr Margolit said: We will not allow this to become a Disneyland of the Apocalypse. The orders are to maintain a fine balance between culture and emotion and to avoid the result being

A secular Jew working for the Israeli equivalent of the National Trust, Mr Margolit, 40, is keenly aware of his responsibility in interpreting events for Christian believers for whom Armageddon has an awesome significance.

"If what many of them believe is true, this office could be the last place on Earth left standing," he joked, thumbing through a sheaf of plans. I know there are many Christians not convinced that the forces of good will necessarily triumph over those of evil "

The religious significance of Megiddo to Christians around the world was signalled in 1964 when it was chosen as the spot for the historic meeting between President Shazar of Israel and Levi Eshkol, the Prime Minister, with Pope Paul VI, whose fleeting II-hour stop in the Jewish state was part of the only papal visit to the Holy Land in recent times.

Although the current Pope has yet to announce whether he will follow in his footsteps, Israel is preparing for up to ten million pilgrims between now and the end of the millennium year - the Vatican has declared it a "sacred duty" to visit the Holy Land in the team which pioneered archaeologi-



The Death of King Saul, by Gustave Doré. Saul perished in the Jezreel Valley after an attempted attack on the Philistines from Mount Gilboa. The Philistines entered the valley from Megiddo. now being transformed into an "intellectual theme park"

years 1998-2001. "We expect an cal work at Megiddo between 1925 increase of visitors to the Christian holy sites in Israel in the next few years," said Archbishop Libero Andreata, the man responsible for Catholic pilgrimages for the

Mr Margolit said: "What we will be offering will be unique, although an experiment with the computer technique we will be using - much more advanced than the 'virtual reality' of today — has already been made at an imitation

medieval village in Belgium." His spartan office once housed the famous University of Chicago

and 1939. The shaded tennis coul they left behind is still witness that excavating 6.000 years of history comprising 20 super-imposed cities

was not all work and no play. Megiddo was abandoned in the 4th century BC and never resettled. Should the lure of this doom-laden biblical site, along with the more conventional venues of Bethlehem and Nazareth spark the imagination of Christians worldwide, Israel has devised an emergency scheme to house pilgrims in tented cities and kibbutzim if numbers exceed the five million now expected to make the journey to the Holy Land.



Pope Paul VI and President Shazar of Israel at Megiddo. 1964

## Jesus was born in 12BC, astronomer says

JESUS CHRIST was born 12 years earlier than is believed, according to a leading Italian astronomer, and we have just lived through the year 2009.

While the Western world celebrates Christmas and the Giovanni Baratta has also revised conventional thinking on the reign of the Emperor Augustus and the origin of the Star of Bethlehem.

Those who fear the Third Millennium can sleep safely in their beds." he said. "The year 2000 has been and gone. We are in the last days of 2009 and about to enter 2010." He admits this is not the first time Christ's birth has been redated. Johannes Kepler, the 17thNew calculations suggest we are

almost a decade into the next

century, Richard Owen writes

century astronomer, suggested Jesus was born seven years earlier than thought.

But Professor Baratta, 55, an astrophysicist at the Rome Observatory, said he had discovered new evidence after "many years of study", draw-ing on biblical sources. Roman history and astronomy. The most crucial errors had been made in the 6th century AD by the Scythian monk Dionysius Exiguus,

known in English as Denis The Little. Denis, an accomplished mathematician and astronomer, arrived in Rome after the death in 496AD of Pope Gelasius the First, who had summoned him to reorganise the pontifical ar-chives. In S25AD he drew up the calendar which became accepted throughout the West, But Denis, the profes-sor says, failed to take into

account the Year Zero -

between IBC and IAD - and also ignored the four-year period when the Roman Emperor Augustus was on the throne (31-27BC) under the name Octavian. Denis also omitted the first two years in which the Emperor Tiberius ruled after Augustus, his stepfather, died in 14AD.

This seven-year error would appear to support Kepler's theory. Professor Baratta says. On the other hand, Kepler's evidence rested mainly on his identification of the Star of Bethlehem as described by St Matthew. Kepler concluded, Professor Baratta says, that this referred to the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in 7BC. But in redoing Kepler's calculations, the professor had discovered

serious discrepancies.

Professor Baratta's research pointed to L2BC, when an unusually bright and fiery "travelling star" had ap-peared between the constella-tions of Gemini and Leo. "It was in fact a comet, and was observed by the Chinese as well as by European astrono

mers of the time."

He admits his evidence is "not conclusive. But all the data lead me to conclude that Christ was born 12 years before we think he was. This does not affect our belief in his divinity this Christmas, but it does affect our

#### Bhutto plan to weed out corruption

Karachi: Benazir Bhutto, the Pakistani opposition leader and a target of corruption allegations, yesterday proposed a national plan to beat

She said large investors viewed Pakistan "as a land to avoid, not invest in, as our institutions are deemed beyond repair".

She proposed that anyone elected to public office must declare all financial holdings. She also called for better wages for government employees and for stiffer penalties

for corruption in the civil service. Ms Bhutto, twice elected Prime Minister of Pakistan, was sacked by President Leghari in November last year for alleged corruption and misrule — allegations she denies. Mr Leghari was forced to resign this month in a power struggle with Nawaz Sharif, the Prime Minister.

At Pakistan's request, Swiss authoriues have blocked around SFr 20 million (58 million) held by her and her family. (Reuters)



Benazir: wealth frozen in Swiss banks

## Arafat angry over West Bank claim

. FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

YASSIR ARAFAT strongly criticised Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday for declaring that the West Bank was an integral part of the land of Israel. The President of the Palestinian Authority said the statement was "dangerous", and meant that the Israeli Prime Minister believed the West Bank was part of the Jewish state.

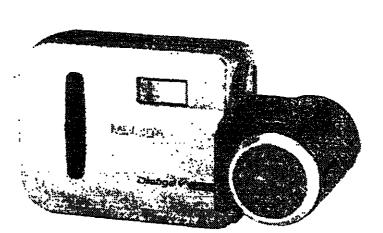
Mr Arafat said he would never give up his claim to any part of Jerusalem. He said: We will not accept the Judaisation of Jerusalem or the ceding of one grain of soil of holy Jerusalem." Mr Arafat was speaking to reporters in Gaza City on his return from talks with President Mubarak

of Egypt in Cairo. Mr Netanyahu told Jewish journalists in Jerusalem last said most European countries tended to interpret Israel's struggle in terms of their own colonial past. "Most of them think that Judaea and Samaria 1the biblical names for the West Bankl is some colony like Algeria or possessions in Africa and of course neither is true, neither in the geographic nor in the strategic nor in the national sense," he said.

"We don't have a body o water separating Judaea and Samaria — the West Bank — from Israel proper. It is part of Israel proper. It's in the centre of the country."

Mr Netanyahu's communications director, David Bar-Illan, said that the Prime Minister's comments had been misinterpreted. What was intended was that Jews had strong ties to the area week that the West Bank was since biblical times when it "part of Israel proper". He was the heart of the kingdom.

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## Tensions darken festive mood in Bethlehem

LIFE in Bethlehem has become insufferable for many members of the dwindling Christian minority. Increasing Muslim-Christian tensions have left some Christians reluctant to celebrate Christmas in the town at the heart of the story of Christ's

"I do not dare to go out on Christmas Eve any more. The Muslim boys call me and the other Christian girls whores. They spit at us, try to force us to wear headscarves and in the [Islamic] fasting month of Ramadan that begins in a few days, the Palestinian police even arrest us for smoking or eating on the streets," said Lina Atallah, receptionist at the Salesian Convent and Church on a street scarred with intifada slogans.

Decimated by emigration and for the past two years living under the Muslim-dominated Palestinian Authority. Bethlehem's Christians now make up less than a third of the 39.000 population, compared with 80 per cent during the period of the British Man-

date which ended in 1948. In the so-called Greater Bethlehem, which had only five mosques in 1970, there are now 72. Manger Square, the area in front of the Church of the Nativity, is packed with Muslim worshippers every Friday because there is no longer enough room for all of them to pray inside the imposing Mosque of Omar.

When Diana Saman was a child in the 1950s, homes in

celebrate the birth of Jesus in public, writes Christopher Walker in Bethlehem the square, the focus of world-wide televised Christmas cele-

Alleged intimidation by Muslims has

made many Christians reluctant to

brations on December 24. were bedecked with colourful lights and carol singers went from door to door. Today. most of her neighbours are Muslims, and when lights are hung outside they herald the start of Ramadan. Like many Bethlehem

Christians, Mrs Saman, 42. no longer celebrates Christ-mas in public. "It does not feel like Christmas. I would rather stay home," she said. Her sentiments were echoed by Ranna Najjar, another Christian housewife in the West Bank town where the Muslim birthrate far outstrips that of the Christians. "The city is not ours anymore. We gave up the Ms Ataliah. 28. regrets re-

turning from Texas to Bethlehem after the 1993 peace treaty which ended 27 years of Israeli military rule there. "The Muslims want to get rid of us. They want us to live

like them. The Jews put up read blocks and stop us even going to the holy places in Jerusalem without a special permit." she said. "Life for the Christians in Bethlehem is like being in a cage."

In Beit Sahur, an Arab

village at the centre of the Christmas story, being the spot where the Angel visited shepherds to tell them of Christ's birth. Muslim-Christian tensions are even greater. In August, a mob of 200 Christians stormed the local police station manned by Palestiman Authority police after an Islamic militant attempted to enforce his strict dress code on a young Christian woman in a low-necked top. Seven people were injured in the ensuing fracas.

"Muslims in the city are fundamentalists," said one of the Christians involved in that protest. Christian anxiety was reinforced last Christmas when one Bethlehem Muslim prayer leader attacked Christian beliefs over the mosque loudspeakers. "Jesus is not the son of God, he is an ordinary man. All the deeds that the Christians talk about are deeds of deception.

A report published two months ago by the Israeli Prime Minister's Office concluded that Christians are exposed to unceasing persecu-

been destroyed, monasteries broken into, and their telephone lines disconnected," the report says.

Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, said after a visit to the Holy Land in 1993: "My fear is that in 15 years. Jerusalem, Bethlehem once centres of a strong Christian presence - might become a kind of Walt Disney

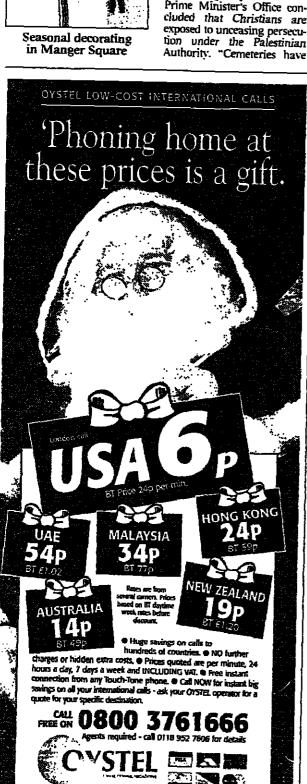
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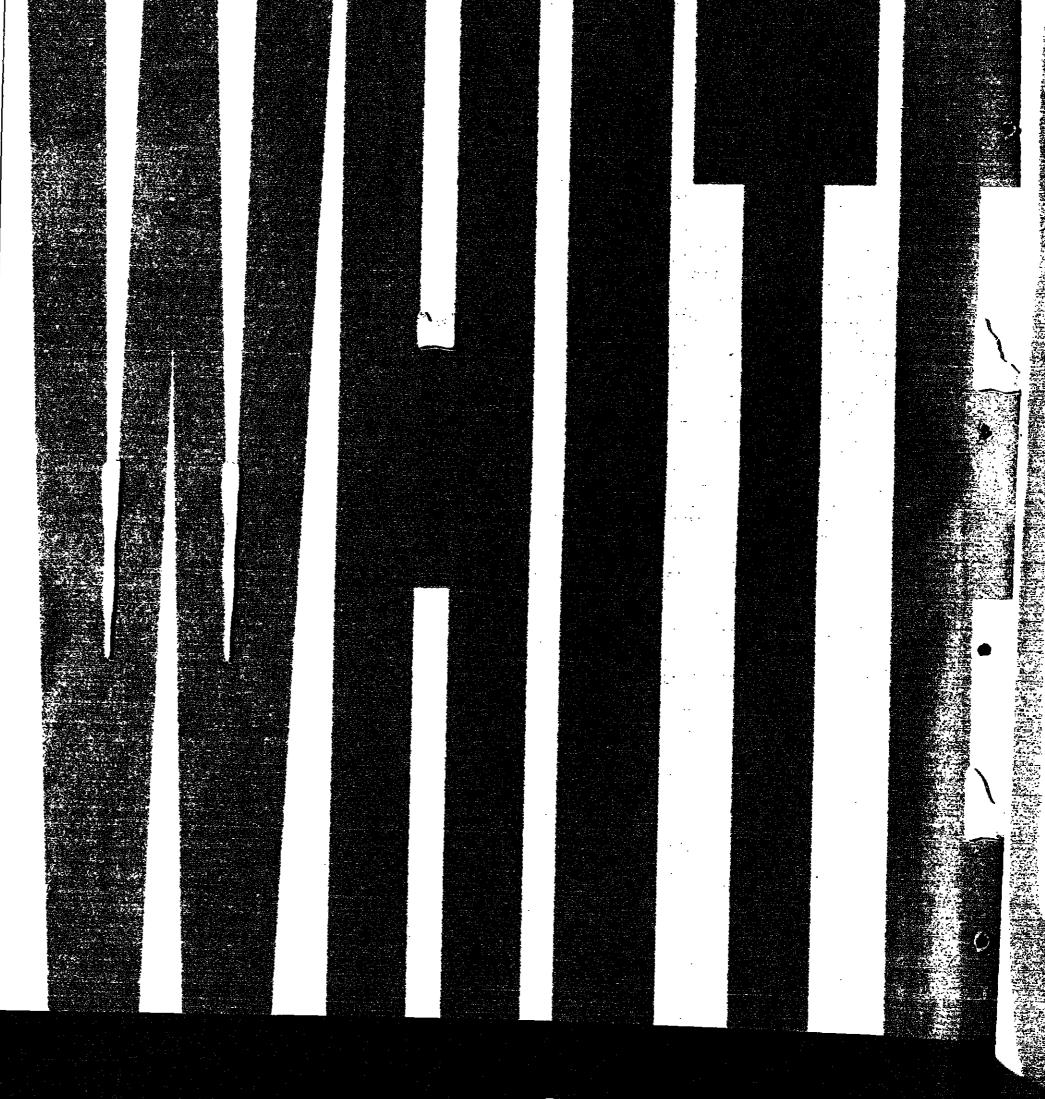
His vision of the birthplace of the Christian religion be-coming a place where outsid-ers tend the shrines for the sake of visiting pilgrims only is becoming more a reality with each celebration of Christ's birth.



Dolls of the infant Jesus at a souvenir shop in Manger Square, Bethlehem. The square is now regularly crowded with Muslim worshippers

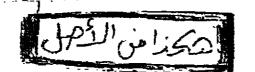






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# 'Iraq faced threat of nuclear attack

PENTAGON planners briefly considered the option of using a low-yield tartical nuclear bomb against Saddam Hussein's biological weapons in Iraq, according to an American television network.

The weapon, known as the B61, which has been developed since the fulf War, is designed to penetrate deep into underground bunkers and - with an explosion that generates heat up to 20,000F (7,600C) - to incinerate germ

warfare agents.

The Boll was considered, said NBC News, because even if US forces knew where to strike they do not have a conventional weapon that can reliably destroy biological agents on contact. Secret tests proved that dropping conventional bombs on biological targets would probably backfire, spreading a deadly plume of germ-laden

Fear of a political backlash led to the nuclear option being ruled out; officials told Jim Miklaszewski, NBC's Pentagon correspondent. That leaves a brutal and sustained conventional bombing campaign as the primary option for American war planners, should President inton give the go-ahead to use

Pentagon considered

using new bunker bomb to destroy

germ weapons, Ian Brodie writes

force in response to Saddam's refusal to co-operate, with UN

weapons inspectors. US intelligence officials were said to believe that the chances of success now are no better than during the Gulf War when, according to a CIA report. American

bombs failed to destroy a single

biological weapon in the Iraqi If there is another air campaign, US bombs would probably be aimed for the first time at Iraq's oilfields and at Saddam's Republican Guards, who do much to keep his

regime in power. All these revelations were part of an in-depth analysis by NBC of the threat posed by Saddam as he Council. Among its other findings were that Saddam, now oo, consolidated his power at a meeting of the Baath Party in 1979 when he pointed out people he saw as disloyal. After each was escorted from the room, they were shot.

A brief video clip of the scene from CIA archives was shown. Saddam's behaviour was described by Anthony Lake, Mr Clinton's former National Security Adviser, who said: "With a look on his face like that of a boy tearing the wings off a fly, he took a cigar and moved it around his subordinates, picking out those to be taken away on the ground of treachery. He was enjoying every minute of it. Saddam favours Armani suits.

Cuban cigars and gold-plated pistols, but is more interested in his place in history as a great Arab leader, "the next Nebuchadnezzar" than any earthly pleasures.

American spy satellites are constantly trying to listen in to Saddam to pinpoint his location. When they succeed in intercepting his words, the voice print is sent to Menwith Hill, the secret American listening post near Harrogate.

four rings of protective troops around him, with his presidential bodyguards at the centre. The obsession has led over the past two vears to Saddam putting his wife Saddam, obsessed with his own

place two nights in a row. He has

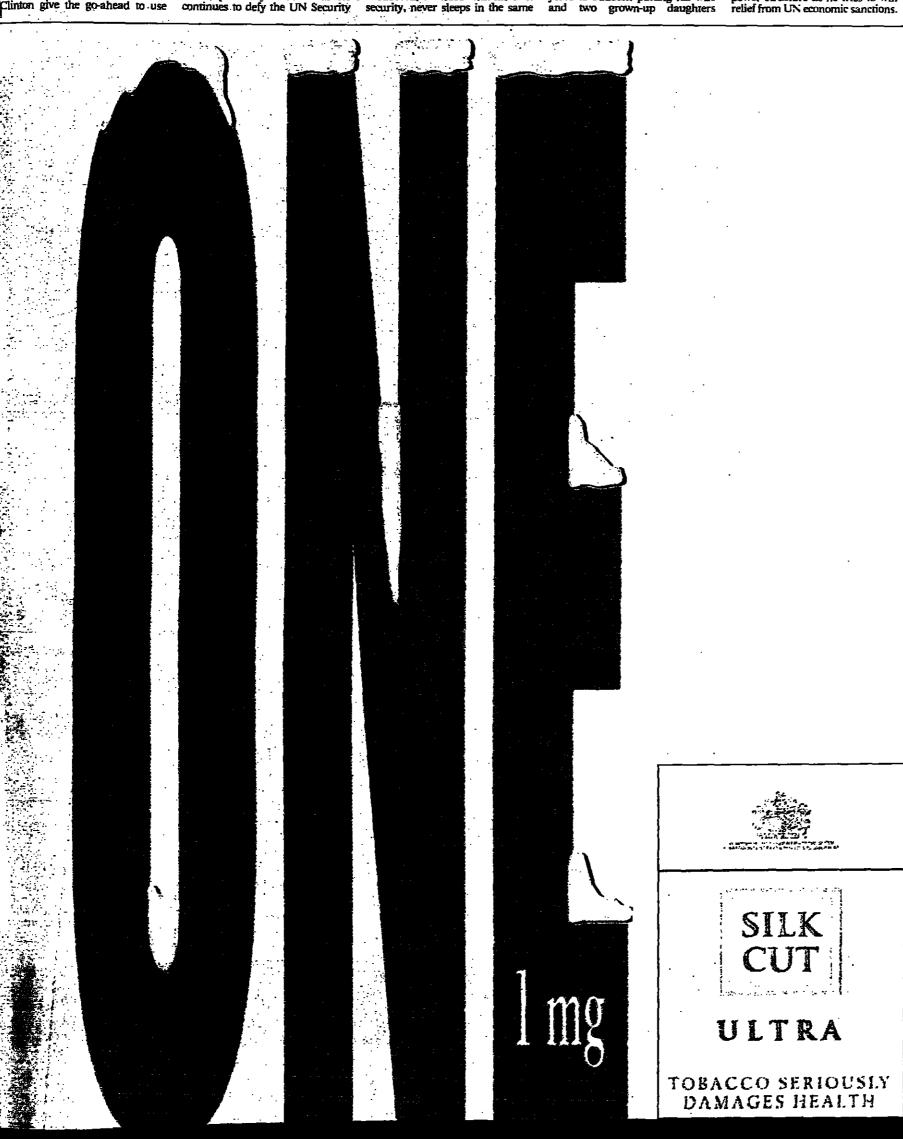
under house arrest. In a fit of pique. he had the Ferraris and Mercedes of his elder son Uday set on fire.

Saddam is seen as wavering between two factions in the Iraqi power structure as he tries to win One is confrontational, the other more diplomatic and includes Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Deputy Prime

☐ Nicosia: Iraq's trade minister, Mehdi Saleh, said yesterday that details of a new plan to distribute aid under its oil for food scheme would be sent to Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary General, in the next few days and that fraqi oil exports would resume as soon as it was approved (Michael Theodoulou



Saddam chairs a meeting of his security council at the weekend amid claims that Iraq had struck a new food for oil deal with the UN



#### State in unholy row over godly motto

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

A POTENT brew of theology, law and atheism is bubbling provocatively in a small federal courtroom in Ohio as a civil liberties group seeks to abolish the state's official motto - "With God, All

Things Are Possible". The case, which is being argued before US District Judge James Graham in Co-lumbus, has been brought by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), which is leading a nationwide crusade to ilarise public life.

If successful, the lawsuit could revive the campaign to abolish all use of the American national motto, "In God We Trust".

The suit was filed by the union after George Voinovich, the Governor of Ohio, announced plans to engrave the state's motto on a granite tablet at the front of the Ohio Statehouse, on South High Street in Columbus. He had just returned from a trade mission to India, where he observed the words "Government Work Is God's Work" at a ministry building in Delhi. Inspired, he returned to Ohio with a desire to emulate the Indians.

This enraged the local representative of the ACLU, who argued that the motto is unconstitutional because it violates clauses in the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the US Constitution which prohibit the "establishment of a religion by government". Thomas Kasulis. Professor

of Religious Studies at Ohio State University, argued that the motto had a "universal meaning about the limitations of mankind". He said: "It means we cannot control everything. Some people call it luck. Some people call it fate. Some people call it God." The motto lawsuit is one of

four battles being conducted by the ACLU against various American institutions. In other examples, it has sued the city of Stow, in Ohio, for using a municipal seal that depicts the Bible and a crucifix; taken a Florida county school board to court for including Bible studies in the school curriculum; and secured an injunction in Alabama against a state law allowing prayer in public schools.



Yilmaz: believes future

#### **US** seeks to defuse **Turkish** quarrel

TURKEY'S quarrel with the European Union may be the biggest challenge Britain faces as it presides over the opening of talks with new applicants.

Furious at being cold-shouldered by the EU Luxembourg summit, Turkey announced it would break off all talks with the union and threatened to integrate northern Cyprus with the mainland. Ankara has also revived a threat to block the expansion of Nato by refusing to ratify the admission of any new members.

The Turkish parliament called at the weekend for an emergency debate. in which both the Left and Right may endorse calls for a freeze in relations with Europe, a formal withdrawal of Turkey's membership application, a tough new line on Cyprus and stronger ties with Iran and

Turkey's Islamic neighbours. Mesut Yilmaz, the Prime Minister, insisted on Saturday that the future of his country lay with the West. But he has given warnings that the parliament was likely to take a harder line, and would link EU membership with Nato enlargement.

Mr Yilmaz sought President Clinton's support at the weekend for Turkey's integration in Europe during a visit to America. Washington is alarmed as the sudden worsening of relations between Turkey and Nato's EU members, and does not wish to jeopardise the future of important Nato bases in Turkey.

President Clinton urged Mr Yilmaz not to abandon its quest for EU membership, and America is now looking to Britain to find a way to soothe Turkish anger before talks open with other EU applicants in March.

#### New technique aborts foetus at eight days

New York: A Texas doctor has Times. Dr Michael Burnhill, pioneered a technique that enables women to have abortions as early as eight days after conception (Tunku

Varadarajan writes). The method, devised by Dr Jerry Edwards, medical director of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, incorporates a hand-held syringe that draws out the gestational sac. The technique avoids using a vacuum pump, employed in conventional abortions undertaken at a more adanced stage of pregnancy.

vice-president for the federation's medical affairs, said: "For most women, the sooner they know they're pregnant, and the sooner they decide what to do, the better. With these early abortions, we're talking about a whole gestational sac that's the size of a matchstick head. It's nobody's picture of a little baby sucking its thumb."

Until now, doctors have balked at performing abortions before six or seven weeks because of the lack of accurate Speaking to The New York early pregnancy tests.

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## Nation loses faith in God and turns to police for moral guidance

very year Helmut Kohl has foreign correspondents around to his office for coffee and cakes. This Christmas the Chancellor was on better form than usual, handing out nuggets of folk wisdom and declaring that the 1998 election campaign would be fought on "values" rather than on material issues.

German voters would be urged to show solidarity and also to accept their civic responsibilities. Not once during this 90-minute ramdiscourse did Herr - chairman of the Christian Democratic Union



BY ROGER BOYES

- utter the word "Christian" Perhaps the Chancellor really does want, as the Turks claim, to make the European

Union into a Christian club. But the fact is that Germany is rapidly losing its Christian identity, as is the Chancellor's party. There is talk of the missing "spiritual" element to the European Union yet there is almost no input from the organised Christian churches. In 1970 there were 28.3 million Protestants and 27.2 Roman Catholics in West Germany. By 1989 this had dropped to 25 million and 26 million respectively. After unification, the decline

Although the East German democratic revolution was hatched in churches, the level of knowledge and interest in organised religion was very low. Even after the collapse of communism, eastern Germany has remained a largely secular region. Only four million out of 15.5 million inhabitants are members of an organised religion.

The result is not exactly a heathen society but certainly one where churches are scrambling to survive. Parish workers are being fired by the hundreds, pews are empty. Bonn officials moving to Berlin next year, when the capital shifts, have been looking in vain for confessional schools for their children or even schools that offer serious religious education. In Brandenburg, the region around Berlin, there are only so-called LER classes — Lifestyle, Ethics, Reli-gion — which are optional, Richard Schröder, the theologian, says attendance at these classes is like a visit to the zoo: a once-only experience to satisfy curiosity.

The churches have lost almost all influence on daily politics, even in Bavaria where the Christian Social Union occasionally takes issue on having crucifixes in classrooms or on a slightly

tighter interpretation of the liberal abortion rules. Attempts by the churches to launch a debate about the moral dimensions of unemployment were quietly ignoted by the political class.

Naturally Germany is not alone in becoming an increasingly secular society. But something important is withering away in the country; some call it communism's last victory.

A recent opinion poll asked who is most important in transmitting values. The police topped the list with 51 per cent, the political parties came next with 43 per cent, missing in our society: a

cent and the churches were something of an afterthought with 37 per cent.

nyone who has had dealings with a German policeman will find this a frightening statement. The absence of the organised churches from public debate adds to the weakness of the political class and aggravates social problems. It is difficult to disagree with Dr Jürgen Dittberner. political scientist at Potsdam University, who says: "The brutal racism shows what is

social values." In this situa-tion, says Dr Dinberner, it is disastrous "to shove the churches in a corner. The more thoughtful representatives of the left-learning parties - who have made political capital in the past by himng out at the organised churches - are thus now coming to the defence of the

"Germans have still not grasped that one of the main roots of their culture is break ing away." says Antje. Vollmer, the Green MP who is the Deputy Speaker of

# **Croat bombers** pledge to drive out Nato troops

Bosnia have vowed to continue intimidating Dutch troops in Nato's Stabilisation Force. whose marine units last week arrested two local war crimes

suspects. Over the weekend, a homemade nail bomb was thrown into a Dutch base in Busovaca. slightly injuring two soldiers. Many of the more than 200 troops were forced to take shelter in a bunker, the prelude to what promises to be an uncomfortable Christmas.

Outside the fortified gates of the Busovaca I camp, it did not take long to discover how far relations have sunk with the local population, many of whom fought in the Bosnian Croat army (HVO) and its associated militias. If you don't leave now. I am going to blow you and your car up." a thug told us in the car park of the Rulet café.

After a tense negotiation, in which he realised he was threatening not Nato troops but journalists, "(vo" dropped his guard to give the Bosnian Croat version of recent history. Even though, over the next few days, three locals will return from The Hague tribunal to Busovaca and surrounding towns because war crimes charges against them were dropped for lack of evidence, he and his friends still take a dim view of international justice. The best undoubtedly the nailbomb

"I have been wounded by 20 pieces of shrapnel during the war and yet they have one small bomb in their base and they are panicking. Whoever cared what happened to me? demanded Ivo, who was relaxed now among the plentiful beer, folk music and girlie calendars of another of his

local haunts, the Kim café. Ivo comes from the same mould as thousands of young Bosnians, be they Muslim. Serb or Croat. He has been fighting since 1990, when he



Tom Walker meets a thug in Busovaca who is ready to maim and kill in retaliation for the arrest of war crime suspects

was an 18-year-old recruit in the former Yugoslav National Army, keeping Albanians out of Serbia. As Yugoslavia fell apart, he joined the HVO, which cleansed swaths of countryside around Busovaca of Muslims. The latest enemies in his unrelenting cycle of violence are the Dutch

living on his doorstep.
"What they did last week was inhuman," he said, regurgitating typical half-truths and lies that spread like wildfire among Bosnia's alienated populations. The latest rumour in Busovaca is that the wife of a Croat arrested by the Dutch was pistol-whipped

#### Serbs seek to end deadlock

SERBS continued their voting marathon yesterday, attempting for the fourth time in three months to decide who should succeed President Milosevic (Tom Walker

ment sources admitted that widespread ballot-stuffing and fraud may be ignored since the international community is as determined as Mr Milosevic's Socialists to stop the rise of Vojislav Seselj, the extreme nationalist Radical Party candidate for the presidency. His opponent in the run-off is the

Socialist Milan Milutinovic. Mr Seselj, an exponent of ethnic cleansing during the war in Bosnia, has been denounced as a fascist by to a peaceful Europe.

unconscious in front of her children. "I would kill them if they came anywhere near my family," declared Ivo.

He was brought up in Jajce, a Croat stronghold to the east that was overrun by the Serbs during the war. His family home is destroyed, his parents are dead and all his relatives and childhood friends are in Austria, Germany and Croatia. He has lost 40 per cent of his hearing because of a faulty rocket-propelled grenade, and one of his eyes is damaged.

Ivo's life now revolves around his wife and child, and heavy drinking sessions - up to two litres of brandy a day. he assured us.

There were no war crimes committed locally, he said. The infamous massacre up the road at Ahmici, where Muslim women and children were trapped in their homes and burned alive, never happened. its alleged perpetrators, "The Jokers", were a "great bunch of guys".

For the HVO, Ivo killed

"maybe one, maybe 50" Mus-lims. Cleansed, Busovaca was now "a great place to live in". where Croats and Muslims are again killing one another, a Bosnian federation police source said we had been wise to leave Ivo swaying drunkenly to his favourite folk tunes. The only detail we had not been told, he said, was that it was Ivo and his gang who carried out the nailbomb attack - hurling it over the perimeter fence before hiding in the nearby bus station and that they were more than

likely to strike again. "Busovaca is their capital." he said. "They want the Dutch



Luciano Pavarotti yesterday en route to the Mostar concert on an RAF Chinook

## Pavarotti brings musical cure

LUCIANO PAVAROTTI flew to the Bosnian town of Mostar yesterday where he topped a bill of celebrities at the opening of a music centre

named in his honour. The tenor raised £3 million for the centre, which will provide music therapy for the traumatised young survivors of the Bosnian conflict. Others on the bill included Bono, of the U2 rock band, members of the Chieftains, Brian Eno.

Sir Tom Stoppard and Bianca Jagger, all of whom have

raised money for the centre. Although suffering from flu — which prevented him from performing two concerts in Britain last week - Pavarotti insisted on making the journey.

Mostar suffered heavily in the conflict. Its famous medieval bridge between the Croat and Muslim halves of the city became a symbol of the struggle, as citizens covered it with tyres to try to protect it from bombardment. The bridge did not survive but it is now being rebuilt.

Some of the guests flew from London to Bologna, where they joined Pavarotti, his partner Nicoletta Mantovani and other musicians. A short flight to Split was followed by a bumpy ride in two RAF Chinook helicopters to

#### **WORLD IN BRIEF**

## Abacha aide held in Nigeria 'coup plot'

Abuja: The Nigerian Army said yesterday that a coup plot had been foiled and a number of senior officers arrested, including Lieutenant-General Oladipo Diya, number two to General Sani Abacha, the military dictator. National television said two other officers, former ministers in General Abacha's Government, Major-General Abdulkarim Adisa and Major-General Tajudeen Olanrewaju, were also detained. They and General Diya are of the Yoruba tribe from southwestern Nigeria, a focus of appropriate to Control Abarbary 1988. of opposition to General Abacha's rule. The television appealed for people to remain calm and go about their usual business.

Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation with more than 104 million people, has been ruled by military regimes for all but ten years since independence from Britain in 1960. General Abacha seized power amid political chaos after the annulment of a presidential election in 1993, but has vowed to restore power to civilians next year. (Reuters)

#### Air crash search hampered

Jakarta: Strong currents prevented searchers yesterday from recovering the wreckage of the SilkAir Boeing 737-300 that crashed into an estnary off Sumatra, Indonesia, on Friday. All 104 people on the flight from Jakarta to Singapore were presumed dead. The three Britons on board were Ruth Scott, 36, Eugene Clarke, 56, and Kenneth Wilson, 43.

#### 'Mafia' priest returns home

Palermo: A priest who was expelled from Sicily last month after being accused of "complicity with the Mafia" returned yesterday to a hero's welcome when the expulsion order was revoked (Francesco Bongarra writes). Don Mario Frittitta, 59, was charged with "aiding and abetting" Cosa Nostra after he admitted saying Mass for Pietro Aglieri, a Mafia "godfather".

#### Freedom for corrupt leaders

Seoul: Two former South Korean Presidents, Chun Doo-hwan and Roh Tae-woo, will walk free from jail today. They were pardoned by Kim Young-sam, the outgoing leader. The decision was endorsed by President-elect Kim Dae-Jung. Both men were convicted of amassing £900 million in slush money between them while in office from 1980 to 1993. (AFP)

#### Worm blinds 80,000 in town

Khartoum: Some 80,000 people in the southwestern Sudanese town of Raga have lost their sight due to an outbreak of river programme to fight the disease, said 95 per cent of the 400,000 inhabitants were infected. River blindness is caused by parasitic worm transmitted by black flies. (AFP)

#### Film-maker commits suicide

Tokyo: Juzo Itami, right, the Japa nese film director, committed suicide because of an imminent media report about his alleged affair with a woman, 26, a spokesman for his company said yesterday. Itami, 64, who won international acclaim for films such as Tampopo, Ososhiki (The Funeral), and Marusa no Onna (A Taxing Woman), died on Saturday after jumping from the roof of an eight-storey building. (Reuters) Obituary, page 23



## Botha gets on his bike and steers clear of truth commission

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

P. W. BOTHA, the former South African President, is doing well on his exercise bicycle after hip replacement surgery but is getting no closer to testifying before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission about apartheid human rights abuses while he ran the country.

At the weekend, Frank Kahn, the Attorney-General for the Western

Cape province, ordered police to investigate criminal charges against Mr Botha, 81, over his failure to obey a subpoena to testify last week.

It was the third occasion that Mr Botha, head of state from 1984 to 1989 and Prime Minister for six years before that, had spurned the "circus" headed by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The previous time, Mr Botha cried off because of his surgery. Mr Botha, quoted yesterday by the

Afrikaans-language newspaper Rap-

port at his home in The Wilderness, a Western Cape coastal village, said: "I respect the laws of South Africa and I don't think of myself as above the law. That is the correct attitude."

His statement implies that he is prepared to appear before a court to explain why he refuses to testify before a commission that he claims wants to humiliate him.

Mr Kahn has given Mr Botha's lawyers until Friday week to provide additional information before any

commission's mandate. Mr Botha could face a fine of 20,000 rands labout £2.400) or up to two years' jail.

Meanwhile, thousands of delegates at the African National Congress conference in Mafeking, North West Province, have dispersed after cutting Winnie Madikizela-Mandela's political ambitions down to

In elections for the ruling party's 66-member national executive she at the party's last conference three years ago. The result came after humiliation in Mrs Mandela's attempt to become the ANC's deputy

In a final weekend vote delegates gave a resounding endorsement to the party's growth, employment and redistribution strategy based broadly on free-market economic policy,

Leading article, page 21

#### Woman studio head dies

Los Angeles: Dawn Steel, 51, the first woman to become president of a Hollywood studio, Columbia Pictures, has died at a Beverly Hills hospital after a two-year battle with brain cancer (Giles Whittell writes). During six years at the top of her profession, Ms Steel supervised production of such hits as The Accused, Fatal Attraction and When Harry Met Sally.

#### Avian flu claims third death

Hong Kong: A girl. 13, has become the third victim to die here of avian flu (Jonathan Mirsky writes). There have now been eight confirmed and two suspected cases. Three young cousins who have the virus live with a grandmother whose neighbours claim she brought home dead chickens from a rubbish tip.

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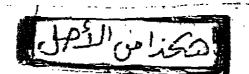
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ow that the Benidorm set has discovered cruises, the term "cruise wear" has lost some of its cachet. The window displays in Knights-bridge, complete with Louis Vuitton trunks, "Were much more enticing five years ago, when two weeks' meandering around the Caribbean was part of the social calendar, not an · alternative to a fortnight in Lanzarote.

But if Wealthy women are now more likely to be found at the K Club than on the Canberra. they are still buying cruise wear. The concept was pioneered in America, where designers realised that women were not content buying their clothes in two batches — spring and maintain. Mid-season collections are catching on here, but American names still predominate.

Now John Galliano, the British designer who already produces six collections a year (two ready-to-wear and two couture collections for Dior, plus his own label) has come up with a "John Galliano" mid-season line. All the elements of his look are there - the Spanishinfluenced lace-work, a reminder of Galliano's Gibraltarian parentage, the bolero cardigans, suits cut to emphasise hourglass figures, draped backs and froms, vertiginous belle 'epoque necklines, oriental jacquards, tiny slip dresses . . . In some ways, it is a sort of "greatest hits". The little flowered frock is very like the one worn by Kate Moss in last summer's gypsy Sullection. The pink shawl dress is a synthesis of Galliano's exquisite chinoiserie without the complexity of some of his show pieces.

But it does differ from the main collections. First, Galliano has introduced stretch into the thits, which improves the fit and means that the ackets can really be bought off-the-peg, with no

Cruise wear may have lost some of its cachet, but Style **Editor Grace Bradberry** finds that the mid-season collection is catching on

need for alterations to achieve that ultra-tight Galliano look. Secondly, there are plenty of knitted fabrics, so there are evening dresses for less than £700. (Some may find this a curious definition of economy, but these pieces are Fashion History in the Making.) But Galliano is not for the pragmatic. His

clothes are about fantasy, romanticism and sumptuous fabrics. They are certainly not for penny-pinchers - nor pound-pinchers for that matter. Each of the main seasonal collections has a "story" behind it — that of a Russian emigre, perhaps, or B-movie actress. The midseason collection has no narrative, but was inspired by a book published last year: Photographs from Storyville, the Redlight District of New Orleans is a moving, evocative volume of pictures by an American photographer, Ernest J. Bellocq. His glass negative plates, taken in 1912, were rediscovered in the 1970s, and although the subjects are all prostitutes, Bellocq's lens transformed them

into romantic, mysterious creatures.

If dressing like a whore does not appeal, then it is worth bearing in mind that the introduction of sex into fashion may be the only significant style innovation of the past 20 years. By turn of the century standards, we all dress like tarts



Burgundy silk lace dress, £2,190; burgundy flower comb, £229, by Philip Treacy, 69 Elizabeth Street, SWI, 0171-259 9605



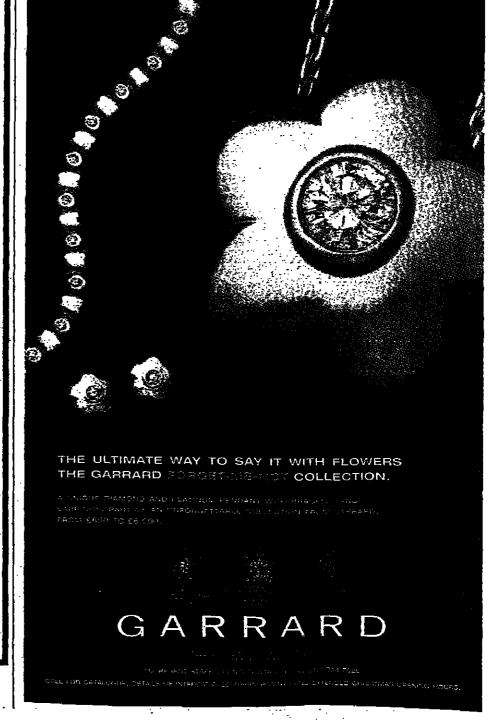
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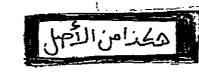


Black kmitted draped-neck ruffle dress, £650; purple and green diamante earrings, £82, from Erickson Beamon, 38 Elizabeth Street, SWL 0171-259 0202



Taupe one-button silk and linen jacket. £950. with matching stretch slit skirt for a sharper fit. £560, plus broderie anglaise underskirt





## In search of true north - and the man behind Halley's comet

Dr Toby Clark aims to retrace Halley's quest to chart compass variations. Anjana Ahuja reports

'I am

do this'

your way to the Southward of the Equator, and there to observe on the East Coast of South America and the West Coast of Africa, the variations of the Compasse, with all the accuracy you can..." Royal orders to Sir Edmund Halley. secretary of the Royal Society

ir Edmund Halley (1656-1742) is most noted for the comet that bears his name. Yet one of his greatest accomplishments, in the eyes of the astronomer's contemporaries, was his attempt to chart the "variation of the compass", now known as declination.

This is the angle between magnetic north and true geographical north. Without it, sailors prepared to could not correct their compasses. It give up my was therefore impossible to deduce life for eight longitude precisely and navigate the months to oceans.

So, in 1698, in the warsloop Paramore, Halley,

one of only two men in the land conduct scientific research, set sail for Madeira and the Cape Verde Islands, with the grand plan of charting declination for important ports in the North and South Atlantic. The trip was quickly aborted, because of crew insubordination, but Halley returned to the seas a second time.

The voyage took his crew, which included a one-armed boatswain famed for his good humour, to the Canaries. Rio de Janeiro, down past South Georgia (where the men

caught sight of Antarctica), up again via St Helena, thence to the Caribbean and Newfoundland, and back to England. From these travels Halley published, in 1701, A New and Correct CHART shewing the VARIATIONS of the Com-passe in the WESTERN AND SOUTHERN OCEANS as oberved in ye YEAR 1700 by his MATTES Command. More sophisticated successors to this primitive cartographic effort proved indispensable to seamen for more than a century, before a slow change in the terrestrial magnetic field rendered them inaccurate. If all goes well, Halley's

accomplishments will be celebrated once again. Dr Toby Clařk, a British Geological Survey (BGS) in Edinburgh and a keen saijor, plans the 300th anniverof Halley's trip by retracing the route of the

Paramore, Sir Viv-

ian Fuchs, the man

who led the first cross-Antarctica expedition, has lent his name to Dr Clark's effort to raise the estimated E70,000 needed.

Dr Clark became fascinated by Halley during a two-year posting to Halley Station in Antarctica, when he read biographies of the great scientist. "Halley led a remarkable life." Dr Clark says. "He was not only a respected scientist but also led expeditions. He was not just an astronomer but also did research in geophysics."

During his position as Astronomer Royal he mapped



Dr Toby Clark: "Halley led a remarkable life. He was not only a respected scientist but he also led expeditions. He was not just an astronomer but also did research in geophysics"

the positions of the stars, but Halley, the son of a soapboiler from Shoreditch, also found time to develop a diving bell and advise Sir Isaac Newton during his writing of the Principia Mathematica, the foundation of classical physics. Recreating the voyage, Dr Clark says, will afford Halley the recognition he

deserves. The present expedition, which Dr Clark has entitled "In the Wake of the Paramore", will also have scientific merit. Dr Clark and his crew intend to make the measurements that Halley made, but with far more precise instruments. Also, measurements need to be up-dated because the terrestrial magnetic field is slowly, but

IMITATION may be the

sincerest form of flattery, but

the sentiment is unlikely to appeal to males of a fish

called Rivulus. They are the

victims of a particularly cruel

form of imitation, says the

constantly, changing (the magnetic North and South constantly, Poles have reversed several times during the Earth's history.) The data should help to refine the existing mathematical model of Earth's magnetic field, called the international geomagnetic reference field.

"It is common to measure the size but not the direction of the magnetic field." Dr Clark says. "That's because you need to know true north to measure the direction. On our expedition, we can use global positioning satellites to determine that." The BGS and the United States Naval Oceanographic Office have offered to supply

By chance, a Danish satel-lite to be launched in May next year will take similar magnet-

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ic measurements over the globe. Dr Clark hopes that his measurements will plug the gaps in coverage over the oceans, and he points out that it is useful to have groundhased measurements to comnare to satellite ones.

It is easy to forget just how remarkable Halley's Atlantic adventures really were. It was the first dedicated scientific expedition on the seas, and Halley became the first civilian to be appointed a naval captain to pursue what many regarded as an obsession with

The charts that he produced are also celebrated by cartographers - they are said to be the first maps that use lines to delineate physical quantities. The contours became known

briefly as "halleyan lines". Dr Clark possesses the optimism and credentials to make such a voyage a success. As well as spending two years in Antarc-tica and working in the geo-magnetic group at the BGS, he has sailed the 8,000 miles from Rio de Janeiro to England. He envisages that the nine-month journey, starting in Greenwich next October, will be completed in four legs, with

four sets of crew. Does he share Halley's obsessive trait? "I am prepared to give up my life for eight months to do this, so I suppose some people might think I am obsessed. But I wouldn't want to sail across the Atlantic for no reason. Halley, and his fascinating life, have given me a purpose.

their lives, the predator fish have the same black patches

behind the gills and at the root of the tail as the females

of the prey species, as well as

the same herringbone pat-tern in the rear of the body.

and the same stripes on the

Dr Brosset found that the

match was close enough to fool the male Rivulus into making sexual advances. If they were big enough com-

pared with the predator, they

got away with it; if they were the same size or smaller, they

were eaten. Females were

also attacked by Erythrinus,

but here the sexual come on

was ineffective. The preda-tors simply chased the fe-

male across the tank trying

In practice, loss of the

males may not be quite as damaging to the Rivulus as it

might appear. They live in

harems, with two or three

females and a highly aggres-

sive male, and the reduction

in the number of males may

actually help to keep popula-

tions stable and healthy.

to catch them by the tail.

and muscles New study shows that magnets may hold the key to pain relief

Magnetism

t sounds like utter quackery - using magnets to relieve pain. However, scientists in America have published what they believe is tentative evidence to support the centuries old claim that magnetism harbours medicinal properties.

Dr Carlos Valbonna, of the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, decided to test the remedy among former polio patients, who often suffer chronic muscle and joint pain. After gaining approval from a human experimentation committee, he enlisted 50 people to take part in a study. He then asked a local magnet manufacturer to make both active and dummy magnets that patients could not tell apart. The real magnets, which were provided free, were only

slightly stronger than the re-frigerator kind.

Twenty-nine patients were given real magnets and the devices. Before treatment, they were all asked to rate their pain on a scale from one to ten. They were then asked to apply the magnets to painful areas for 45 minutes. The patients were monitored to ensure that they did not try to find out whether their magnet was real or not.

As reported last month in the Archives of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, the 29 who were treated with a real magnet saw their pain drop from an average of 9.6 to 4.4. It was a startling result compared with the remaining patients, who saw their aver age pain score drop from 9.5 to 8.4. Some of the subjects said that the magnet banished pain from parts of the body quite far from where the magnet was applied.

The paper has astonished many medical experts, who would like to see the study repeated. After all, the test was conducted only once. However, Professor William Jarvis, a prominent critic of magnet therapy and president of the National Council Against

Health Fraud in America, is in

favour of further investigation. Dr Ann Gill Taylor, from the University of Virginia, has been watching the results with interest. Last month she began recruiting 105 volunteers for a similar study. She is focusing on whether magnetic pads used during sleep can alleviate the discomfort caused by fibromyalgia, a distressing muscle condition whose cause is unknown. Dr Taylor is also planning to test whether magnets can reduce the pain reported in phantom limbs by amputees. Her unusual research is being funded by the National Institute of Health. which has set up an office of alternative medicine.

eanwhile, Dr Val-bonna, who admits to having used magnets to relieve knee pain. wants to carry out further studies to answer the many questions that his study has raised. For example, does magnetic strength matter? How long does the pain relief last? Does it wear off? Are there other medical conditions for which magnets might prove effective?

The Food and Drug Administration will also be watching with interest - it has warned doctors to treat health claims for magnets with extreme

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French ecologist Dr Andre Brosset, who has studied them at St Elie Biological Station in French Guiana. A predator species called Erythrinus pretends to be a female Rivulus, attracting a hapless Rivulus male to perform a sexual display in front of it. No sooner has the foreplay begun than Erythrinus shows itself in its true colours, catching its victim by the tail and swallowing it. The phenomenon, reported by Dr Brosset in a recent issue of Ethology, is a particularly neat form of aggressive mimicry, a behaviour widely found throughout nature. The closest parallel is the cleaner fish of the Indo-Pacific, so called because it removes parasites from the skin of other fish. The sabretoothed blenny takes advan-tage of this practice by

Dangers of

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according to a report pub-

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National Research Council.

Simply floating about in

space is more perilous because of the growing risk

Forty years of space explo-

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of being hit by debris.

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of the mission.

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Nigel Hawkes

periments in an aquarium at the research station. A dozen Rivulus algilae of different sizes were being kept in a tank when it

flakes of paint — in orbit

around Earth. Add to that

the natural hazards of mete-

oroids and dust, and the

When the space shuttle

was designed in the 1970s,

this was not taken into

consideration. A fragment

half a centimetre across trav-

elling at a speed of 17,000mph could make a

hole the size of a fist in the

shuttle's crew compartment

or wing. Radar can detect bigger chunks, but 95 per

cent of the material is too

better surveillance, altered

flight rules, and extra shield-

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small to spot.

risks become significant.

ing large by eating all the others. It was, of course, Erythrinus in disguise. showed how the

deception worked, Rivulus are much smaller fish, growing. to about only two inches as adults, while Erythrinus reach at least six inches French Guiana. The decep-

Experiments

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are usually more sceptical. An exception Professor Slobodchikoff, of Northern Arizona University, who has spent the past ten years trying to learn the language of prairie dogs. He sits in a

#### wrong tree? PEOPLE often convince them-

pets can talk. but scientists

tower in the pine forests outside Flagstaff and records their calls, the Boston Globe ing on parts of the shuttle. reported recently.

Careful analysis of the sounds shows, he says, that there are different alarm calls for different threats. When a hunter approached the colony, the response was different from that elicited by an unarmed man. Distinctive calls were also recorded when the colony was threat-

ened by hawks, coyotes or

domestic dogs. He believes that prairie dogs have a vocabulary run ning into more than 100 words, but finds it hard to convince other scientists. "I'd say 25 per cent think my findings are interesting," he says. The others are either agnostic or outright disbe-

# Self-help: does anybody need it?

Giles Whittell discovers the secrets of writing self-help books. while Jane Shilling analyses their advice and concludes it is not worth having

iane Reverend was mere editor at New York when she first saw a manuscript by an unknown pop psychologist,

'I took one look at the title and knew it would be a number one bestseller," she said, chuckling, last week, and she was right. Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus has sold 6.4 million hardback copies so far. The desperately understanding Dr Gray is now a multimillionaire and Diane Reverend has her own imprint.

Dr Gray's slim volume on how to bridge communication gaps between the sexes is the unofficial mascot of a huge and expanding self-help industry that may, as its insiders claim, answer some of Americans' myriad yearnings for betterment. It also feeds off those yearnings, creates hundreds more and - not incidentally - props up

the entire world of New York publish-Prose More, style is Weigh Less. How To Make Anyone the last Fall In Love With You. 14,000 Things thing on To Be Happy About As Britain anybody's is learning, the genre can fill entire

mind

quackish and histrionic as their covers — but there are worse. For every self-help title published. thousands are rejected as too derivative or specialised. This is no small mercy, given that Sinus Survival and Six In The Bed (Parents, In-laws and their Impact On Your Marriage) both made it into print.

walls with tomes as

get read, but "blowhards don't fool anyone", as one seasoned self-help professional put it. Nor does literary talent help. As a new breed of heavyweight editor-cum-agent goes looking for the next lightweight blockbuster, prose style is the last. thing on anybody's mind.

Unsolicited manuscripts do

Marketability is everything. "How promotable is the author? What's the 'hook'? Is it end rattles off the key questions. then admits: someone comes to me with a really catchy title, that's two thirds of the battle won. You know you can reach people."

Another of her star authors is Laura Schlesinger, a purveyor of no-nonsense bullet points on relationships and family via a syndicated rudio

"I heard her show early on

and I knew at once there was no way it wasn't going nat-ional," Ms Reverend says. Ms record as a writer but she did have a title to zap you where it hurts: Ten Stupid Things Women Do To Mess Up Their

Crucially, she also had the potential for a built-in advertising blitz over the airwaves, so Diane Reverend signed her. The book has sold more than two million copies (and has inevitably spawned a companion volume for men).

Definitions of the self-help genre broaden as each new fad finds a market. Under its vast umbrella come certain staples too lucrative to ignore money, diet, fitness, beauty but also highly specific niches such as ageing, arthritis and marrying the right guy. As baby-boomers start coping with their parents' deaths, and their own, dying is another growth, area.

The reigning queen of self-help is a hyperactive Daiagent who sticks to the three broad categories of finance, relationships and health But more than anything she sticks to "Forget the book-

store," says Jan Miller, who represents two of President Bill Clinton's favourite motivators. "It's all

about distribution now." To make an impact in the information blizzard that is now part of American life, Ms Miller's authors must be promotable on everything from infomercials to greetings cards. Book tours are for mere

It all started in 1979, when she lured Arnold Schwarzenegger out of a Dallas bookshop, where he had signed 150 copies of his latest fitness book. She took him to a sports shop, where she made him sign copies for a queue of 2,000 people. Eighteen years on she has shepherded 150 titles into print, 20 of which

Her current authors include Anthony Robbins (Unlimited Power: two million copies) and Stephen Covey (The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People: 280 weeks on the bestseller list). Both were summoned to nurse Clinton's wounds at Camp David after his 1994 mid-term election

Ms Miller says her authors must have media nous and be



ambitious, with a "platform" - their own show, a seminar series, a pet issue. A stable of ghostwriters will handle the text if necessary. She has 40 titles in the pipeline for next year, and Manhattan publishers are scrambling for her new books and authors.

One such author will be Jesse Brown, a successful Texan stockbroker who has never

written a book in his life but happens to be black. "There was never a black face interviewed on television when the markets dived last month," Jan Miller observes. She saw a niche, and has signed Brown up for television, video and speaking deals worth "in the

low six figures". Another up-and-comer, Ms Miller swears, is Elia Patter-

son, a teacher who self-published a sex education book for girls and sold 70,000 copies out of her car boot. Thanks to Ms Miller, Ms Patterson now has a seven-figure deal for lectures, television and radio appearances. Oh, and that

Being a self-help author is not for the faint-hearted. It is for people like Jake Steinfeld, a

television fitness guru who made Harry Evans, the former head of Random House, do ten press-ups in front of his entire sales force to help to promote a Steinfeld book.

The book was not about fitness, the author explained, but "the ability to get the president of a company down on the floor doing press-ups". The sales people loved it.

t Augustine, the pa-tron saint of self-help, knew the syndrome well. "Oh God," he prayed. "Give me chastity but not yet."

But now it is that time of year when bad old habits are replaced with shiny new aspiations - a flatter tummy, a fatter bank balance, a nice new boyfriend (or any boyfriend at all) and, of course, complete spiritual calm in all

Force your way into any bookshop during the few remaining shopping days be-fore Christmas, past the shelves full of gastro-porn (fricasse of snails with a fennel garnish), the survival manuals (fricassee of worm with a fennel garnish) and the diet books (fricassee of fennet, no garnish) and eventually you will stumble on a throng (or encounter group, as you will shortly be learning to call

and drooping, or Chanel-suited with an invisible lapel badge reading "I Am Nearly 35 And I Still Haven't Had A Baby" and the occasional sheep ish bloke.

What they are all doing is buying for their best friends the book that will change their lives.

Their best friends, meanwhile, are on the other side of town buying the same book for them. In 1998, they will thus be able to form a support group. This will be referred to their husbands/boyfriends/flatmates as "Ruth's night for Getting Silly with Angela", but Ruth and Angela will, with their newly acquired self-knowledge, be empowered to deal in a mature, tumorous manner with this childish belittling of their personal goals.

Self-help books have various things in common. They all claim, like alchemists of old, to be able to turn leaden unhappiness into the gold of personal fulfilment. They are all by "bestselling" authors and those authors are mostly American, which can mean a shock for the inhibited British psyche. Within the genre there are three main categories: how to snag a mate; what to do with him once you have got him; and Advanced Spiri-

Prominent among the First Catch Your Chap manuals Waterstone's are Sharyn Wolf's Guerrilla Dating Tactics (Thorsons, £6.99), "the definitive guide for singles". and Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider's The Rules 2 (Thorsons, £6.99), "How To Make Mr Right Desperate For More". Sharyn and Ellen and Sherrie all have "wonderful husbands", and thus presumably know what they are on about. Any attempt to

vice contained in their books. however, is likely to lead to

entry into an enclosed order.

The Rules 2 is, like The Rules, all about discovering your Inner Prom Queen. Don't date him, don't pay for dinner and if he doesn't hurry

up and propose - Next!

Guerrilla Dating, on the other hand, recommends adopting a persona like that of Goldie Hawn crossed with the bloke in The Fast Show wearing the Chris Evans wig and indefensible braces. Be wacky! Be original! Drop a dahlia in his drinking water and once you've lured him into your flat, surprise him with a wicker clothes basket

full of assorted condoms. Faced with this sort of thing, it is perhaps not sur-prising that "how to improve your relationship" manuals are written mainly by men. Dr John Gray's Men Are From Mars, Women Are

charts

From (Thorsons. £8.99), Be wacky! is stuffed with case Drop a and aphorisms ("never go into a dahlia man's cave, or you will be burned by a into his dragon"). But its conclusion is. broadly, hold your drinking tongue, and if, by chance, he should water!

remember to put the seat down, be grateful. Or else. Susan Jeffers and Daniel Goleman square up to the big question: what is nice for? Their ap-proach is quasi-scholarly. Jefiers, in End the Struggle and Dance with Love (Coronet, £5.99), relies on Buddha, Nikos Kazantzakis, Pooh and Piglet; while Goleman (Bloomsbury, £7.99) distances his Emotional Intelligence from what he fastidiously refers to as "a welter of selfhelp books" with the help of Aristotle, William Styron and Ulf Dimberg of the University of Uppsala. In either case. if

will be by the time you stop. So, you may think, away with all this transatlantic selfobsession. What about something really uplifting? Patience Strong may be amouldering in her grave but her spirit lives on in her namesake, Sir Roy, whose meditation on happiness, delivered as the 19th Thomas Baggs Memorial Lecture at the University of Birmingham last year, has fortunately been

you were not dysfunctional

when you began reading, you

Long Barn books (£7.99). Happiness for Sir Roy lies in the simplest things: "English farmhouse goodies, stored in neat rows in the cupboard": shy approaches from admiring members of the public, cats with funny names (Lady Torte de Shell). Hark! Is that Julie Andrews I hear carolling in the distance?

JANE SHILLING

#### Kathleen Simons enters a world of conspiracy and intrigue when she goes in search of Laa-Laa and Po

## Why my Teletubbie cost me a million pounds

rout.

ou have to keep things in proportion at Christmas. A new frock for the office party is about 212 times more important than food. Getting the forgotten 14lb organic turkey out of a butcher who closes early on Christmas Eve versus a 20 per cent discount on raw materials - what would you say, about four times? And two Teletubbies for a two-year-old grandniece versus the success of a multi-

million-pound sale? Off the scale. I started the Teletubbies hunt in November, I was told that if I were prepared to queue from 6am on a Saturday outside Toys R Us there

would be a chance. l have not seen a Saturday in the UK for eight weeks because I am always off seeking new markets for my widgets. And I could not find anyone daft enough to queue for me at any price. A friend of a friend knows someone at Harrods who tells people they are "coming in" and that he will put one by, but I have not yet heard of one "going out".

So when I set out last Wednesday to look for flar, late-postable presents for godchildren. I really had given up on the Teletubbies. A harsh wind was



thing, do you?" I have now said this to more people in more shops around the world than I have air miles. You get a shrug at best. Usually a laugh; that is to say, one shop assistant laughing to another at me.

suppose you have any of the, um, real

This assistant didn't laugh though.

She said: "Well, not at the moment." At the moment? I shrilled far too loudly. Does that mean that there could be a moment when you might have some? She pulled me behind the Picture Books for Older Children. kooking over her shoulder. "Maybe...."

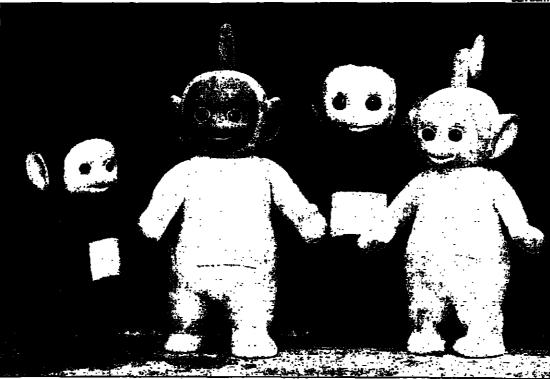
When?"

"Today." When, today?"

"Any time now, actually." At that point my mobile rang. The sales director said a deal was failing

through. Big money was at stake. What should he do? "Don't bother me. I'm in negotiations for a . . . ' "Ssssh." The assistant winced.

Don't say it out loud." ... for a thing. An important thing." I pressed the off button. We were now co-conspirators, the assistant and I. The rest of the shoppers - at that time not many must not know, she said. There would be pandemonium. One woman was



Absurd objects of desire: tell the sales assistants you want to buy a Teletubbie and watch them laugh

prosecuted last week for fighting with another when she pinched Tinky-Winky out of her trolley. We were talking war.
Other young sales assistants also

knew a shipment had come in and were nodding and winking at each other. "Follow me," I heard a manager say to a group of them as she headed for the stock room, "Bring your pricer. We are going to save the world. Yes, she really said that.

I pretended to shop for half an hour, then I sidled up to the till. Out of the corner of my mouth I asked if. you know, they had arrived? How did know? asked the cashier. First Assistant admitted that she had told me. Then, because I was part of the inner circle, they told me they had yet to unpack and price them, which would take another half hour. More

nodding and winking. I went for another cappuccino. A

Danish. Another cappuccino. A croissant. I always eat when I'm nervous. First Assistant passed, nodded and winked. Not yet, she mouthed. But the rumour factory was at work. One or two assistants were walking about like FBI men, ready to run, control

the stampede. fetch the police.

**¬he mobile rang again. Why** wasn't I dealing with the crisis, the office wanted to know. But I am dealing with a crisis. Go away. Finally I approached First Assistant. I have to go," I said. "Any chance of one from the back, you

know, in a plain brown wrapper?" She took pity on me. Turned to a more junior person. This woman," she said, "has been waiting an hour and a half for them. Put them in a bag - in the back - and bring them out under cover.

He went. He came back. There was

a sudden, awful realisation that they would have to go through the electronic till. A description of the item. plus the price, came flickering up. An intake of breath. Grabbing a brochure from the counter. I slapped it against the revealing till to hide the Tword. They exhaled.

Finally it was in the bag. Literally, Back out into the snow, warm and smiling. Into the car before the T-T raiders, who no doubt had been iounging nonchalantly around the toyshop, could smell their prey. The car phone rang. The deal was dead. We'd lost.

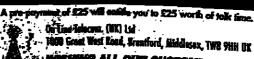
Lost? Who had lost? This was the best day of my life. I had won. As I said: you have to get things in proportion at this time of the year, Laa-Laa and Po are a thousand times more important than selling several million pounds worth of widgets to

an Arab state.

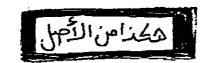
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Bryant's performance was praised but not hugely celebrated because of the magnificence of lan Holm's Lear. In Holm we had a double Lear, we had a truly shaking performance, and we had it from a man who was until recently racked with stage fright. The more you go to the theatre and the better you know the actors the harder it is for them to disguise themselves. Holm in Lear superseded this and as the confused. naked, ranting, wrong and wronged Lear he commanded almost all our attention.

And so Bryant seemed at the time to be the moon that paled before the sun. But time has leavened his performance in my

## Playing the fool for the lords of misrule

often that we take it for granted, his own politic truth. He is a nag but as the Fool he was definitive. It is one of the hardest big roles in Shakespeare and it has the mistortune to be up against arguably the greatest role of all. But Bryant

The Fool is counsellor on wit, he is knockabout comic and wise man, he is rude, he is warm, he is the alter-ego, the goad, the con-science and sad, sad, lost in the world reality which his master and friend the king abandons a few minutes into the play. But how on earth do you play him? Somehow Bryant achieved him

completely. He made the jokes work. He was lack the Lad with his own stand-up, knocking out allcomers at the court's Comedy Store. He was wise, and most of all he was fearless with the unloosed monster monarch, risking whipping, distraught with the pain of

and a scold throughout but humour gives his complaints mustard Bryant, full of theatrical cunning, digs and digs at his lost loved master to try to reel in his

It was one of the most memorable performances of this or any year. Oddly, it is rather typical of the quietly brilliant career of Michael Bryant that such a feat should have occurred as it were almost in the shadow of another memorable performance. For years he has been consummate without that self-regard which is sometimes quickening but more often of passing interest.

King Lear and I look forward to it ment outside the theatre, quickly for Ian Holm of course — for the changed, job done, Fool cast off fury of the man. But equally for But he had left me with a Bryant whom I saw, minutes after fulfilment of one of Shakespeare's the play had ended, striding with most extraordinary creations.



Richard Eyre is making a film of anonymous speed along the pave

A past, when things were worse or better, the custom was to employ misrule. Masters, we are both reliably and unreli-ably informed, both pagan and Christian, were obliged to act as servants around the witching time of midwinter. Choristers elected a boy as a bishop. Status was

Did it really happen like that? Surely, one imagines, sycophantic servants will be rather lenient with masters whose boot could be back in their kidneys at the end of this extravagance. And surely the masters would form a masonry to go along with this custom for their own reasons -- mainly the placating of old gods. But even if it was more mocked than marked, it was, I think, an idea of profound significance. Were it to be reinstated now it might well refresh the

t this time of year, in times social and psychological health of past, when things were the nation. For I think it comes out of a deep understanding of the tensions in society - resulting from immovable hierarchies which to expose for a time can do

nothing but good.

We all know that when a Caesar in Rome had his triumph through the city, he was accompanied by a slave who reacted to the cheers of the crowd by whispering words of caution — that life was short, that glory vanished, that fame was a chimera. Who does that to our leaders now? Not only our political leaders but - perhaps more importantly - our business and corporate leaders. We have the newspapers of course, and they are vital here, but it is very easy for the top 0.1 per cent in our society to insulate themselves. Were the whole business to be turned upside down we might slough off the

grudges that slow us down. So let's restore misrule.
Let secretaries take care of

offices (often this would be merely public confirmation of what they do already). Let bosses fetch and carry, make tea, get some Christmas cards on the way in from the train. Let the weak experience strength and the strong weakness. It would, I suggest, prove a world more capable of cohesion than is possible in the stratified organisation of today. Our ancestors who practised misrule in midwinter knew that the most vital thing of all was to survive. What this did was help them to survive.

For centuries now we have swanned along with only war to bring real coherence. Yet if old wars are gone, then how else are we to attain what has often been a cathartic feeling of knowing each other and being part of each other? Nothing binds a society together as much as realising what we all have in common. War does that. And next to war, perhaps, misrule, making society topsy-turvy.

THEATRE

the people who want a slice of his private life, the more

Thresfall warms to his task.

swishing around in his collec-tion of Chinese dressing

gowns. But ironically the great

breaker of hearts seems most

comfortable with his formidable secretary, Monica (Aman-

The comic turns keep the

plot spinning, notably Tom Smith as the infatuated young

writer with the faulty wiring.

Smith turns hero-worship into

an unhinged and truly inspired comic diversion.

Laurence Kennedy, a new

Donald Sinden in the making,

turns Garry's agent, Morris

However it's the three ladies

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vying for Garry's slippery

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Isit's infamated ingenue.

Daphne, proves surprisingly resilient after her one-night

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wits between Rachel Fielding's

scheming Joanna and Geral-

dine Alexander's cucumber-

cool Liz provides the most

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# The English rose blooms in time for uncle Oscar

The packaging may be the same, but a new Helena Bonham Carter inhabits her role in The Wings of the Dove. Matt Wolf reports

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Bonham Carter was little more than a decorative pretty face who looked good in Edwardian garb; a natural beauty who shone on camera without reveal-ing much of a soul. Indeed, in the eyes of many, her gifts had less to do with acting than with projecting a fresh-faced sheen. She would never aspire to the theatrical heights of, say. Dame Judi Dench.

Still, it is the way of performers to surprise — after all, Emma Thompson had only fourth billing on the credits when she won her Best Actress Academy Award for How-ards End — and there can be few surprises greater than Bonham Carter's emergence over the

past few years as a genuine talent. Now the 31year-old actress has emerged as this year's front-runner for the Oscar for her performance as Kate Croy in Iain Softley's new film of The Wings of the Dove in what looks to be a largely English race likely to include, you guessed it, Dame Judi

guess 🤊 "Helena will win the prize," a well-placed film executive said last week, and Bonham Carter is generating the early head of steam so necessary for keeping one's name in the minds of the nominators and the voters. She has already been named best actress by film critics' organisations in Los Angeles and Boston, as well as by the National Board of Review. (The influential New York Film Critics group gave their top prize to yet another Briton: Julie Christie, for the Alan Rudolph film Afterglow.) On Thursday, Bonham Carter was nominated for a Golden Globe, where she goes up against Dench (for Mrs Brown) and Titanic's leading lady Kate Winslet, as well as two Americans: Jodie Foster (Contact) and

Jessica Lange (A Thousand Acres).
"I find it a bit freaky." Bonham Carter says. "It's wonderful to get a pat on the back, to have that exposure and demand." As regards the Oscars. where she has already been on the giving end of an award, she says: "I won't say the big O word, although of course I just have. I'm thinking, Hold your horses, babe, just try to keep your feet on the ground."

Like many performers who come

or years, it seems, Helena belatedly into their own, a more mature Bonham Carter may simply be more suited to the medium. Last year she adjusted easily to the Shakespearean world of Trevor Nunn's otherwise ill-fated film of Twelfth Night, in which her Olivia caressed the verse as lightly as she did the face of Imogen Stubbs's Viola. Her ready charm as Richard E. Grant's put-upon girlfriend goes a long way towards enlivening a minor film such as Keep the Aspidistra Flying, while in Woody Allen's Mighty Aphrodite Bonham Carter proved that she can play New York neurotics in the best Diane-Mia

None of these films, however, anticipated her power in The Wings of the Dove, in which she plays a clever young Machiavelli who isn't above using a dying American heiress called Elliott) in order to snare the none-too-wealthy journalist Merton (Linus

Roache). Film adaptations of works by Henry James have proliferated of late this is the third one in 14 months, following Wash-

ington Square and The Portrait of a Lady - but Bonham Carter's performance is one of the few to capture the writer's ambiguous morality, which is as stealthful and shadowy as the characters' nocturnal trysts.

onham Carter admits to doubting that she could do it justice. "It's a very haunting story," she says. "My biggest question mark was whether anyone would care two hoots about Kate. I suppose you don't have to like characters in a novel, but you really do on screen. Rule No I says you do

have to care about somebody."

It didn't help, either, that Bonham Carter was somewhat thrown by the original 1902 novel, which director Softley and screenwriter Hossein Amini have pushed forward to the London and Venice of 1910. They pay me to read these novels," she laughs. admitting that James would not be her first port of call at a bookstore. He writes so densely, it's hard to tell what the hell he's talking about. It made me feel stupid because I just did not feel a sense of what he was going on about." The script, mean-



while, "was very sparely written, which was one of its strengths; it's the least wordy script I've ever done. That meant you had to bring a lot to it, and I had no idea if it was coming

through." If the moral complexity posed challenge, so, too, did the period: Bonham Carter was aware that she risked becoming a cliche in the bustle, corset and parasol-laden milieu of costume drama. She was only 18, after all, when she abandoned thoughts of Cambridge in order to play the title role in Trevor Nunn's Reformation-era love story, Lady Jane. The Forster trio followed: A Room With A View, Where Angels Fear to Tread and Howards End. Add her screen Ophelia (opposite Mel Gibson's Hamlet) and her partnership with Kenneth Branagh in Mary Shelley's Frankenstein and there's no escaping the fact that Bonham Carter has played few contemporary roles: it's difficult to imagine her inhabiting, say, the film world of Mike Leigh, and she famously passed up the gruelling central role in Breaking the Waves that launched Emily Watson's career. "My overwhelming reaction [to

Wings was the Edwardian thing — that I'd have the same hair, the same frock. I thought, 'Don't do it, Hel; you've been there before." Then, Bonham Carter decided, why not use age to her advantage? "Having got intrigued by the story, I thought that whoever plays Kate should not be under 25, or girlified. There is a maturity to her, a knowingness, and I was keen to play

her with her hair down and not as an And historical parts are increasingly becoming, well, history. Next year she will be seen in the film version of Alan Ayckbourn's The Revengers' Comedies, and early talk is of a second shot at the Oscar, based on reports from the set of her performance as a sufferer of motor neurone disease in The Theory of Flight. Perhaps it is time to conclude, endless carping in this country notwithstanding, that Helena Bonham Carter can actually act.

"I've learnt the long way round and probably had to bore everyone while doing it," she says. "I wasn't an instantly naturally super-talented ac-tress. But now I do feel definitely more confident as an actor; a bit more legitimate, too. I'm not saying, hello, I can do it. But I might have just got it slightly right, I guess."

● The Wings of the Dove opens on Jan 2

## Top-hole in a tent

\*EVERYBODY worships me. It's nauseating," moans Garry Essendine. And it's true, everybody does. Rich, charming and irresponsible, London's most sought-after actor has an infatuated deb in his spare room, a potty playwright bouncing around his studio, and the producer's wife is cheating with his agent in order to get closer to him. The whole thing is very fragrant, isn't it, Garry?" says his

former wife Liz.
Fragrancy, of course, is not being celebrated here. Close inspection of Noël Coward's characters reveals as much. Middle age is creeping upon David Threlfall's Garry. The hair is thinning as quickly as the acting parts. And, al-though he's accused of over-dramatising his life, he can't compete with the friends and fans who monopolise his mornings and turn his Art Deco studio into something

like Piccadilly Circus. The most striking feature of Matthew Lloyd's cracking production is how he fits these mornings into the Royal Exchange's marquee in Upper Campfield Market. With its silver-painted circle in the middle of the tent, squiggly ceiling designs, and no fewer than seven separate entrance points, Fotini Dimou's set looks like a giant metal ashtray. What's exciting is how this setting loosens up the play without losing a period that

## Back to its roots

NO, the Polka's version of with a leggy blonde in the role of the cat or some variant on Bernard Manning as the Ogre. Philip Pullman's adap-tation and Vicky Ireland's production reach back into the roots of a tale which was, as it happened, written by Charles Perrault in the Sun King era.

That means a Monsieur Ogre out of Molière: în Peter Sowerbutts's performance, a paunchy sot and raddled. rouged old beau who wears 17th-century silks and a curly grey-black wig and is as obsessed with sating his turn as Harpagon with filling his moneybags. Even his feelings about the Princess are poised between heart and gut. If she won't marry him, well, he'li

Too sophisticated an approach for young children? On the contrary, those round me sat rapt through a clearly, briskly told story. Too squea-mishly conceived, at least for those who expect their ogres to take more inhuman forms? Not when Sowerbutts is salivating over his "cuddly little fruit pie", as he calls Lisa Burrows's small, fierce Princess, and declaring he loves her "from the bottom of my.

stomach\*. In any case Alex Bunn also responsible for the toy-theatre designs — has pro-

duced some terrific ghouls for those with a taste for the grotesque. You remember that Jacques, the poor miller's son, has to face these creatures as he walks through the Gallic badlands to rescue the Princess from the Ogre? Here, he

might be venturing onto a run-

down planet on the edge of the

conflicts in Star Wars. The tattered inhabitants have vast grey heads with round, staring eyes, beaks for noses and bits of root and branch sprouting from their scalps. Nor do they have sci-fi credentials only. Any insomniac will identify with them. Perhaps Carnegie-medallist

Pullman gets a bit priggish and didactic as he pushes the point that a princess should value a peasant for his own qualities, not because a cat dressed as a chevalier has introduced him as a marquis. Still, the moral that a noble spirit is more important than a noble name" isn't a bad one, especially in the Wimbledon area. And ireland's cast, which also includes boyish Conrad Hornby and a feline Dale Superville, is the tops.

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## Doubles toil into trouble

ate in the year, serious drama has arrived on Broadway. As the lights rise at Lincoln Centre on Ralph Funicello's set for Pride's Crossing, a white world of chenille bedspreads and wicker chairs comes into view. Behind billowing gauze curtains float ghosts in white Edwardian dress.

It's a world of American bluebloods, one that playwright Tina Howe (Painting Churches) knows well. Here a father reprimands his son with "There'll be no Commodore's Race for you today!"

At the centre of Pride's Crossing, which is both a town and a metaphor for its hero-ine's pivotal achievement, is 90-year-old Mabel Tidings. Played by Cherry Jones with no make-up and, awkwardly, a quavering voice disconcertingly like Katharine HepTHEATRE IN **NEW YORK** 

burn's, Mabel seems indomitable. In scenes that alternate with the present, Jones also plays a younger Mabel, modulating effortlessly to a sexy. strong-willed and wryly humorous woman. She decides to follow an ancestor and swim the Channel. To succeed. she battles parental opposition and contemporary notions of womanhood. "You are delicate," declares Kandis Chappell's frigid, one-dimensional mother, but Mabel ignores her.

Mabel's courage fails her in more important matter. When her trainer and lover (David Lansbury) asks her to lorgo the swim and run away with him, she lapses into the reflexes of her milieu. David is Jewish. Mabel chooses the

crossing — and, with, it a life of unhappiness. But all around her others

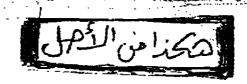
are trapped: her homosexual brother Frazier (Lansbury, doubling brilliantly), her lifelong admirer Chandler (Dylan Baker), too unadventurous for Mabel, and her granddaughter, Julia (Chappell again), who ran off with a Frenchman and is now made miserable by his infidelity.

Some of the scenes are Under Scott Zigler's direcachingly poignant, but there tion, the actors seem to be are annoying loose ends. Di-sastrously, the director, Jack reciting the dialogue, with two exceptions. Willis, given the fewest lines, uses his teddy-O'Brien, has attempted gender-blind casting - Angie bear size to project decency Phillips plays Mabel's older brother Phineas, indifferently and affection for his wife. And LuPone soars above everyone, engaging one's feelings for Jolly's life and death struggle and with a ludicrous moustache, and the brawny Baker dons dresses for two parts. to overcome her parents' emo-The result is distancing for a play that needs to sustain a delicate mood.

EDWARD KARAM



Dylan Baker and Cherry Jones in Tina Howe's poignant examination of American bluebloods, *Pride's Crossing* 



As Sidney Bechet is celebrated on TV, Clive Davis revisits a legend whose life was as exuberant as his playing

f Woody Allen now spends so much of his time punishing himself with clarinet practice when he is not making films, the blame lies with the ghost of Sidney Bechet. As Allen and many other professional and amateur musicians can testify. trying to emulate one of the most beautiful sounds in the world" is the stuff of

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A New Orleans Creole, Bechet lived the archetypal footloose jazz life. As a young man he played a command performance at Buckingham Palace before George V, served time in jail for a firearms offence and, during one fallow period in the 1930s, ran a tailor's shop in Harlem. He ended his days in his adopted homeland of France where he was fêted as a hero in the decade before his death from cancer in 1959.

His picaresque career is celebrated tomorrow in Treat It Gentle, an Arena documentary on BBC2. Aside from the voluble contribution of Allen, producer Jo Lustig has round-ed up a sturdy cast headed by Bechet's former protégé Bob Wilber, who sketched a wonderfully intimate portrait of the master, outsize ego and all. in his autobiography Music Was Not Enough.

Broadcast in Becher's centennial year (some commentators suspect his real birthdate may actually have fallen a few years before 1897), the programme goes some way to restoring him to his rightful place in the pantheon. Though he was acknowledged by many as at least the equal of Louis Armstrong, his wilful temperament - and his preference for the recalcitrant soprano saxophone — ensured that he never exerted anywhere near as much influence

At the beginning of the Twenties, when Armstrong was preparing to form jazz in his own image, Bechet was wandering across Europe. In 1919 the Swiss conductor Ernst Ansermet was so taken by one of his performances that he wrote a glowing and oft-quoted article, Sur Un Orchestre Negre ("I wish to set down the name of this artist of genius: as for myself, I shall never forget it - it is Sidney

uke Ellington, who regarded him as one of the truly great originals" managed to tempt him into his orchestra in 1924. But Bechet, ever the maverick, moved on after a few months, Soon afterwards he returned to Europe as a member of the Revue Nègre, adding its newfound star, Josephine Baker, to his list of romantic conquests.

Lustig's film is handicapped by the relative shortage of archive footage of Bechet in his prime. But it comes alive with a glorious string of anecdotes.

Who can forget the story of the hard-drinking actress Tallulah Bankhead summoning Wilber and her beloved Bechet to her hotel room. greeting them stark naked, and then asking them to serenade her with a blues at the foot of her bed? Even Woody Allen could not invent anything as vivid as that. ● Arena: Treat It Gentle — Sidney Bechet, BBC2, 11.25pm, tomorroi



Sidney Bechet's wedding in Juan-les-Pins, 1951: he had been engaged to his bride Elizabeth 23 years earlier, but she disappeared for 20 years

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## Rich harvest

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THE \$300,000 recently awarded to the 27-year-old Norwegian pianist Leif Intermezzo's song was sung freely, but Ove Andsnes by the American Irving S. Gilmore Foundation is given not for any single spectacular triumph, but after a period of long, continuous and secret assessment by a panel of roving spies. For Andsnes that is particularly

a party in

His outstanding performance on Thursday of Rachmaninov's Third Piano Concerto, with the London Symphony Orchestra and Tadaaki Otaka, was the harvest of a slow and steady ripening. And the process is, of course, continuing. Each concerto he plays sounds as if it is being performed for the sheer love of the work, not because it has been requested or expected. And as the shoulders and the imagination broaden, so Andsnes grows into the Rachmaninov.

Otaka set an easy, springing pace,

anticipating the neat yet sensuous phrasing of Andsnes's opening. As his solo theme returned throughout the movement, it became progressively finer, closer, more private, until it expired in three numb notes. The substantial virtuoso passages in this movement were seamlessly integrated,

ping chords warm, full-toned.

Both here and in the slow movement, definition of melody and of texture was intensely musical. The with a bold energy which made sentiment and the cliches of rubato totally redundant. And the little tumbling scherzo-like figures were played with exquisite lightness.

with the flying octaves and overlap-

With the finale less the dash to the finishing post which it can so often seem, and more a self-renewing celebration of energy and imagination, the LSO was spurred on to its finest playing. Despite its recent demanding US tour, it seemed to have inexhaustible resources to spare for Rachmaninov's Second Symphony. With delicious solos from Christine Pedrill's cor anglais, Andrew Marriner's clarinet and Roy Carter's oboe; this was an exuberant performance to seal a memorable LSO year.

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#### Seasonal sounds

Henry's Eight St John's, Smith Square

NOTHING, not even church music, is sacred when it comes to the commercialisation of Christmas. The rarified programme by Henry's Eight, given as part of the Christmas Festival at St John's, Smith Square, promised a refreshing change, and even the group's plugging of its recordings turned out to be low-key. Entitled The Virgin and Christ-Child, the concert focused on contemplative music of the Renaissance and 20th century.

But this was a less than perfect evening. Although Henry's Eight draws its members from Cambridge's best choral foundations - the octet is named after the founder of Trinity College, where it was formed five years ago - the sound here was disappointing. From curdled counter-tenor tone downwards, there were no outstanding voices, but that would have mattered less had they blended better.

Which is not to suggest that the men - two counter-tenors, three tenors and three basses - need to sing in a potentially bland homogeneous style. just that the problems of intonation and ensemble would never have occ-urred had they really been listening to one another. In Heinrich Isaac's florid Virgo prudentissima the rhythmic complexities remained just that, instead of receding into the background of this rich musical canvas. Traditional settings such as There is no rose and the Coventry Carol do not call for over-

interpretation, but nor do they need to

In several pieces, the cool beauty of

sound dull.

the music shone through regardless. Praetorius's Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen was one, and the settings by French composers fared well; the singers caught the sensuous tone of Jean Mouton's Nesciens Mater and the tranquillity of Agnus Dei by Arcadelt. Walther's charming carol Joseph lieber, Joseph mein was one of the evening's highlights. The 20th-century carols by Britten, Alan Ridout and Bernard Naylor received depressingly ragged performances, but the group showed the better sense of style in Warlock's magical Bethlehem Down. the encore.

#### Folk's back home

ALL over Europe, jazz musicians are turning increasingly to indigenous folk material for inspiration. Performing as part of "Made in Prague", a week-long festival of Czech culture, Olomouc-born pianist Emil Viklicky set himself firmly at the heart of this trend by drawing on Moravian folk sources for his quartet's music at the Riverside Studios, featuring Zuzana Lapcikova's cimbalom (hammer dulcimer) and vocals alongside a con-

ventional jazz piano trio. Cautionary tales from the Napoleonic Wars concerning girls who go into the woods with soldiers, plangent romantic laments, paeans to natural beauty - all served as springboards for surprisingly vigorous variations in which Viklicky's piano teased lively jazz improvisations from the pure, clear folk melodies. Viklicky himself is a won-

derfully lyrical yet robust pianist, his playing packed with dynamic and textural subtleties, so it was particular-JOHN ALLISON | ly frustrating to have him restricted in this studio venue

JAZZ **Emil Viklicky** 

Quartet Riverside, W6 to a typically unresponsive electric instrument. But his

interplay with drummer Laco Tropp and bassist Petr Dvorsky was characteristically sensitive. Typically. Lapcikova would sing a faintly melancholy air over the gentle grace and filigree delicacy of her cimbalom, then the variations, drawing on all manner of jazz-related forms, would explore the theme's rhythmic and harmonic possibilities. While folk elements are

thoroughly and naturally assimilated into the quartet's jazz-based approach, their use of cimbalom anchors their music firmly in the Moravian tradition. "Roots" music it may have been, but it was also superb jazz.

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Vernon Bogdanor on the

start of a British revolution

the Scotland Bill, published last week, inaugurates a constitutional revolution in Britain. It provides for proportional repre-sentation and a fixed-term parliament, and it will create in Scotland a new and quasifederal system of government. In theory Parliament re-

mains sovereign and free to pass laws regulating Scot-land's domestic affairs. In practice, Westminster will hardly be able to exert its supremacy against an Edinburgh parliament which will see itself as the sole interpreter of Scottish opinion.

Britain has previous experi-ence of devolution, in Northem Ireland between 1921 and 1972. There, too, Westminster's supremacy was more nominal than real. In 1922 the Northern Ireland Government proposed to abolish proportional representation in local elections. something it was entitled to do under the 1920 Government of Ireland Act. The British Government sought to veto the measure. When the Northern Ireland Government threatened to resign, the veto was withdrawn and the measure became law.

Northern Ireland had sought devolution to preserve the union with Britain; the motivation was centripetal, whereas in Scotland it is centrifugal. It will be even more difficult, therefore, for Westminster to exercise sovereignty over Edinburgh than it

was over Stormont. Devolution is, in theory, merely a delegation of power. In practice it will lead to a division of power between Edinburgh and London, the former being responsible for Scottish domestic affairs, the latter for foreign policy, defence and macroeconomic pol-

Scotland will come to resemble a province in a federal state and Westminster will be able to exercise its supremacy only under pathological political circumstances, such as occurred in Northern Ireland with the breakdown of civil order in the late 1960s. Thus the sovereignty of Parliament in Westminster, which has hitherto been a real power to legislate for Scotland, becomes the nebulous and uncertain supervision of another legislative body. Power developed

will be power transferred. The Scotland Bill is revolutionary in another respect. The Scottish parliament is to be elected by the German system of proportional representation, by which every elector will have two votes, one for a constituency member and one for a party list. A high position on the party list will normally guarantee election. It will be a new experience in Britain for members to be elected to a legislature without having to face the electorate.

For the European Parliamentary Elections Bill, Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, has agreed to consider a proportional system under which electors can vote for an individual candidate on a list. rather than simply accepting the order decreed by party headquarters. Donald Dewar should do the same for Scotland.

Unlike the Commons, the Scottish parliament will be elected for a fixed term of four

years, with dissolution possible only under exceptional and clearly defined circumstances. Thus the relationship between the Scottish executive and Scottish parliament will be quite different from that between the British Government and Westminster.

Under PR, Scotland will almost always have coalition government, something unknown at Westminster except during wartime and economic emergency. Coalitions, however, can always crumble in mid-term. A Labour-SNP coalition, for example, might well fall apart after two years. The danger then would be that, without a majority and yet unable to dissolve, there would be governmental stagnation in Edinburgh rather than the strong leadership that

Devolution, moreover, affects the government of the whole country, not just of Scotland. It is unlikely to stop with the creation of a Scottish parliament and a Welsh assembly. Already there are signs of a demand for a Northern assembly from those fearful that a Scottish parlia-ment will divert resources away from Newcastle and Liverpool. Labour is committed to creating such regional assemblies where there is evi-

dence of a settled demand. Devolution, the Welsh Secretary Ron Davies has declared, is a process and not an event. He is right. The centrifugal forces which are leading to the creation of a parliament in Edinburgh and an assembly in Wales are likely to exert a similar pull in those parts of England which feel most remote from Westminster. The outcome could well be, as it was in Spain, the transformation of a unitary system of government into a thoroughgoing quasi-federal state.

This prospect need not necessarily be viewed with alarm; Britain is by far the most centralised state in Western Europe, and one of the most centralised democracies in the world. There are, therefore, positive gains to be derived from a policy of decentralisation and the dispersal of power which devolution makes possible.

or need devolution threaten the unity of the country. Indeed, given that there are powerful centrifugal forces at work in modern Britain, it might be that the best way to strengthen national sentiment is to give way to these forces a little the better to disarm them.

Scottish devolution. like Irish home rule a century ago, forces us to come to terms with the key question of how political societies are held together. To that question, the British answer has hitherto been to concentrate power in one supreme central Parliament. But an alternative answer is possible, that society may be held together through what Glad-stone once called a "recognition of the distinctive qualities of the separate parts of great countries". If that answer is correct, devolution will strengthen national unity, not

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#### Don't dismiss the paranormal — the argument for ghosts is backed by a solid body of observation

Peterhouse, Cambridge, has a new, or rather quite an old, ghost. There are two paradoxes about ghosts. The first is that they fascinate the human imagination, but seem to repel the modern intellect. The second is that there is profuse evidence that they exist, but a widespread refusal to consider that evidence. The power they have over the imagination is shown in Hamlet and Don Giovanni; the plots of the world's greatest play and the world's greatest opera depend on the appearance of a ghost. Yet most of us refuse

to believe that they exist. I do believe in them, simply on the veight of evidence. I have never seen a ghost, but I know many honest and sane people who have. A cousin discussed rare beetles with a British Museum entomologist in the New Forest; the entomologist had died ten years before. The same cousin fre-quently saw C. Aubrey Smith's terrier in the family drawing room; the dog was long dead. Two ladies saw the Ston Easton ghost in what used to be our bedroom; in the attic room above, the upstairs maid had been murdered in the early 1790s.

I even knew someone when she was alive who was seen after her death as a spirit. A cousin by marriage owned a house near Stratford-upon-Avon. She spent her last years as an invalid, sitting in a garden summerhouse which had been built by her first husband in 1910. I used to sit and talk to her there. I went back to see the house in the 1980s, and was told by the owner, a widow, that the garden house was haunted by an old lady who left a great feeling of happiness and peace. The widow had no idea who that

might be. My grandmother's first cousin. who was knighted for being a successful Victorian Commissioner at the Metropolitan Police, was

# Haunted by evidence of a spirit world

company were called in to dinner; he asked Lady Bath whether they should not wait for the lady dressed in grey he had passed on the stairs. The grey lady is the most celebrated

of the Longleat ghosts. So the stories go on. Some no doubt are embellished, or become so. Any individual story may have been made up, or may have a normal explanation. Yet there are so many of them. and in so many of the cases the witnesses are so good, that it is sheer superstition to refuse to look at the evidence. Something happens, even if

I am glad that the latest ghost has been sighted at Cambridge, and reported not in a tabloid but by The Times Higher Education Supplement. The Peterhouse ghost has been seen on separate occasions and by three witnesses; he wears a broad collar and carries a large hat. That suggests the costume of the 1650s; if were the bursar who hanged himself in 1789, he ought to be wearing a cravat and a tie wig. The witnesses include Andrew Murison, the senior bursar, who was hitherto,a non-believer in such apparitions.

There have been two occasions in English history in which ghosts have become intellectually respectable, and Cambridge is associated with both of them. One was the late 19thcentury foundation of the Society for Psychical Research; the first presiCollege. Much more important was the development of what was called "new philosophy" in the second half of the 17th century. The new philosophy threw off the rigid Aristotelian orthodoxy which had lingered on from the Middle Ages; it combined elements of neo-Platonism with scientific inquiry. Its eventual institutional expression was the Royal Society. In Cambridge the new philosophy started the scientific tradition which continues to this day, but it also found expression in the

# William Rees-Mogg

Cambridge Platonists. Their leading figure was Dr Henry More, of Christ's College, who corresponded with Descartes; he was a psychologist as well as a philosopher.

The Cambridge Platonists were very interested in paranormal phenomena; but so was Isaac Newton, whose research into alchemy is only now being understood. Both the neo-Platonists and Newton as a physicist were wrestling with the problems of "action at a distance". Ghosts, if they exist, are themselves an action at a distance problem, the distance in

Three hundred years ago the grey lady of Longleat was an entirely natural phenomenon; she walked upstairs. After her death she had become a problematic case of walking upstairs out of her apparent time sequence. We do not know how she Joseph Glanvill, later Rector of

Bath, was an Oxford graduate but a close associate of the Cambridge Platonists. He reported cases of sightings of ghosts and other para-normal phenomena. He first published, in 1661, the intriguing story of the Scholar Gipsy, which so fascinat-ed Matthew Arnold. The Scholar Gipsy, who may be a fiction or a real figure, was a brilliant Oxford scholar who ran out of money, joined a band of gipsies, and learnt their secret arts. A group of his friends met him; he signalled to them not to show their recognition, and promised to demonstrate his new powers. He would tell them the details of a conversation they were to hold when he was not present. They talked in a private room, in his absence, he told them all they had said; they were amazed.

The Scholar Gipsy explained how this was done. He told them "that what he did was by the power of imagination, his fancy binding theirs, and that he himself had dictated to them the discourse they held together while he was from them. There were warrantable ways of heightening the imagination to

Whether the telepathic hypnosis which the Scholar Gipsy practised is actually possible may be questioned. It is an action at a distance problem. Isaac Newton thought that scientists should be open about such a problem, which was a difficulty for him when dealing with gravity. Leibnitz had criticised Newton for maintaining that gravity was impressed on matter by the action of God, "making gravity a perpetual miracle". In the second edition of his Optics, published in 1718; Newton replied. By what efficient cause these tractions (viz gravity, magnetism and electricity) are performed. I do not here enquire. For we ought first to learn from the phenomena of nature what bodies mutually attract each other, and what are the laws and properties of that attraction, before we enquire by what efficient cause it is performed." That is also the right way to approach the apparently

hosts are important, if they edst, because they raise such interesting questions. They obviously raise the question of hu man survival. Some ghosts seem merely to be re-enacting past events; they no more prove survival than would a film portrayal by a dead actor. Others are interactive; they converse, give warnings or other messages, and often report their own deaths. Interactive ghosts do support the idea of survival. Ghosts also raise the question of time: is time a unique dimension, which can only be travelled in one direction, or is it like the dimensions of space which can be tracked to and fro?

The Peterhouse ghost has arrived at the right place and perhaps at the right time. I hope Cambridge will not give him the cold shoulder, but will welcome him as a Scholar Gipsy in time, in Isaac Newton's own spirit of

# Big Brother, big blather

Peter Riddell

draws up a reading list for

Labour

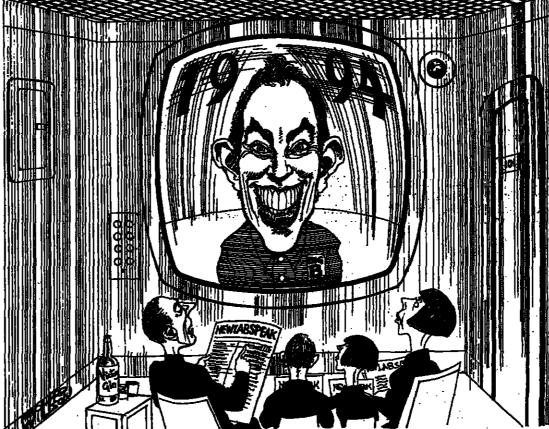
ministers

ew Labour has little sense of history. For many of Tony Blair's circle, history began in July 1994, when he was elected Labour leader; for some, year zero started on May 2 with the triumphant walk up Downing Street. The Blairites are so determined to present the Govern-ment as completely new that any hint of links with the past and "old" Labour is obliterated. This ideological blinker is reinforced by an ignorance about political events.

Mr Blair himself characteristically focuses on the big picture. He shares the regret of Roy Jenkins at the split in the Centre-Left between Liberals and Labour in the first quarter of this century which ensured that the Tories held power for so long. He wants to reunite these strands, pointing to the contribution of Liberals such as Keynes and Beveridge. Mr Blair does read political biographies, though he has few Labour roots and little awareness of past struggles. For instance, there are parallels between the tensions among his main lieutenants (Brown, Prescott, Cook and Mandelson) and similar ones among the big beasts of the Attlee and Wilson Governments.

Some other Labour leaders, such as Donald Dewar and Jack Straw, do have an historical perspective. But, for many, there is little beyond a romantic vision of the achievements of the 1945 administration, with everything in between forgotten.

In some ways this is hardly surprising, since four fifths of current ministers were not involved in national politics when Labour was last in office. But it is more than inexperience. There is also a conscious preference for modernity over



continuity, for relying on focus groups rather than constitutional precedents. This is reflected in some the more vacuous marketing gimmicks, like mission statements, the attempt to "rebrand" Britain and talk of a "young country". There are also more serious dangers. Anyone with a feeling for how government operates would have spotted the potential conflicts of interest in the

Ecclestone affair much earlier. Veterans of the Wilson and Callaghan administrations have generally not aired their private doubts about these trends. An elder statesman of that era recently asked one of the shrewder members of the Blair Cabinet: "Are they learning yet?" The response was cautiously positive. Time and events will fill in the gaps, but the Blairites do need to learn some history.

A useful starting point is Peter Clarke's Hope and Glory - a balanced history of Britain this century. This might be supplemented by Roy Hattersley's recent Fifty Years On, A Prejudiced History of Britain Since the War. For all the author's egalitarian viewpoint, this is, in fact, a remarkably unprejudiced account, which concludes that because Mr Blair "neither knew nor cared about what Labour had once stood for, he was able to lead the most remarkable revolution in modern political history
... The prophets of new Labour ... took over an established political

party and recreated it in their own image. The ideas which had inspired a century of democratic socialists were ruthlessly discredited."

Gordon Brown should study Edmund Dell's The Chancellors, which astringently punctures the false optimism of most occupants of 11 Downing Street. And anyone who thinks that David Blunkett's leaked memo about cuts in benefits is unique should study the similar Tory debate. about welfare reform revealed in Nigel Lawson's masterly The View from Number 11, or Norman Fowler's unfairly derided Ministers

The Blair team also seem to know little about European history. In this they are hardly unique among British politicians. But despite their claims to be pro-European, Labour ministers have been insensitive to continental traditions and attitudes. Talk of leading Europe is resented when Britain appears to be challeng-ing some of the principal values

and beliefs of the European Union. A lot is going to be written over the coming 12 months about the 150th anniversary of the upheavals of 1848, which are still largely ignored in Britain. One result was Bismarck's belief in the need for social reform to underpin his diplomatic and military ambitions. He is the real architect of a "social Europe". After the Government's procrastination over monetary union, Mr Blair and Mr Brown should read Roy Denman's Missed Chances, a vivid account of how Britain has continually blundered in its relations with the rest of Europe.

A revealing, and brutally realistic, account of British foreign policy at the end of the Cold War has been written by Sir Percy Cradock, Downing Street foreign policy advis-er and chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee in this period, in his In Pursuit of British Interests. These cool, and detached, insights contrast with the passion and partisanship which Sir Percy has displayed over China and Hong Kong. Like Clarke and Denman. Sir Percy highlights the failure to lay the ghosts of the past, set a constructive course on Europe and engage public opinion in its support".

oliticians who talk about the "people's priorities" and "beacons" need a linguistic cold shower. By far the best corrective to such guff remains George Orwell, particularly his classic 1946 essay Politics and the English Language. This includes the marvellous phrase that political language is "designed to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind". I would love to have read Orwell on . some of the inanities of "new Labourspeak".

So instead of inviting meretricious showbusiness personalities to Downing Street, Mr Blair — and many of the Blairites — would be better occupied popping along to that most welcome new arrival this year, Politico's, the political bookshop and coffee house on Artillery Row. Reading, and reflection, would not only be a corrective to some of the recent silly populism, but might even produce better government.

## In the stars

THE TROUBLED stars of Diana. Princess of Wales, are at last to be brought before the public gaze: her astrologer. Debbie Frank, is wrin-ing a book about her. Although a publisher has yet to be found, it is expected to appear early next year. Ms Frank — a serious type who trained at the Faculty of Astrology in London — had consulted the Princess for eight years and last saw her at, Kensington Palace



shortly before she died. "It will be my story about Diana," she says. They appear to have been rather chummy. Our relationship involved some very deep soul-searching. I was there to listen to Diana and I realised that I was placed in a position of great trust." says Debbie, 38, who was not paid for her services. "It was a deep and intimate bond. Diana would call me from all over the world and always introduce herself in the same way: 'Hello, I'm just checking in with you Debbie.' She trusted me with many things and she was always loyal." (So loyal that she was known to breeze across the

Thames for kitchen suppers at Ms Frank's compact flat in Clapham.) "My work with her was highly confidential but now that she's died, the ethics that would have governed me when she was alive have changed slightly." Quite.

#### Flick flop

A VERY private party was held last week to celebrate an expensive new flick about the 1970s glam-rock scene, Velver Goldmine. The cast

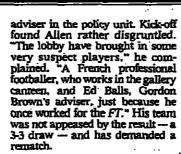
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includes Ewan McGregor, Eddie Izzard and Toni Collette. Some 400 guests were bid to The Leopard Lounge — a low-rent place in Fulham Broadway — for an evening of transvestites, dancing girls sprayed with gold paint, I-Thai canapts, the works. Problem. None of the cast turned up. "Ewan's filming and couldn't make it," says a deflated suit at the production office. "I can't think what happened to the rest."

#### Hacked off

LOBBY hacks seldom get much exercise, but in South London last Friday they took on a Downing Street football side captained by Tim Allen, Tony Blair's silky spinner. Among those wearing livid red shirts were John Holmes, the PM's private secretary, and Liz Lloyd, an



 MY best wishes to Lizzie Pitman, the niece of the Earl of Gainsborough and Tony Blair's charmingly optimistic Tory opponent in



Hurt Lizzie Pitman

Sedgefield: she is in hospital, having broken her back in a riding accident. A bouquet of Diary flowers is on its way.

#### Level best

A CHRISTMAS bonus for the 47 Labour MPs who voted on behalf of lone parents - Tony Benn, Llew Smith, the compassionate types comes courtesy of the rock group, The Levellers. They have sent the MPs each a CD about the 17th-century rebel, John Lilburne. "It's rather well put together," says Benn, "but I had a copy already."

#### Down at heal

DECADES of debauchery have had few repercussions on the friends of the author Molly Parkin Anita Pallenberg, Twiggy, Mick Jagger, that set, Thinking they might benefit from spiritual guidance, Parkin has set herself up as a faith-healer. "I wanted to heal my friends pain," she says. Business is stack. "None of them needs me," says Parkin. "They're just too strong."

● YESTERDAY's confrontation between Manchester United and Newcastle did little to enhance re-



THIS charming Christmas card depicts David Hart, a flamboyant chap who dedicated his life to serving the former Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, and the former Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, as a special adviser. That faraway look in his eyes, aligned to an empty glass, reeks of a man indulging in what might have been.

lations in the Blair household. Tony supports Newcastle; his son, Nicholas, 11, rattles for Manchester. Both attended the match. "Mr Blair gets quite carried away," says a resting strip. "He hates to see his side go down."

#### Lack of Will CRACKS are appearing in the prime ministerial ranks. Will

Hutton, Editor of The Observer. has fallen out with his former chum Geoffrey Robinson over the paper's coverage of the Paymaster General's offshore investments. For the first time since 1978, Hutton was not invited to the Chancellor's Christmas party, held last week at No II. "Robinson," Hutton opines, must find the criticism particular. ly hurtful coming from us."

JASPER GERARD



#### **BLAIR'S WHITELAW**

A loyal deputy is needed to support Labour's welfare reform

No issue is as important for this Government as welfare reform, and no issue has such a potential to divide its leading players. The leak of a letter from David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, to Gordon Brown, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has cast revealing light on the scale of the problem. The anxieties that Mr Blunkett expresses at proposals under consideration by the Department of Social Security are not the antics of a natural rebel but the thoughtful concerns of a born-again Blairite. Mr Blunkett is entirely in sympathy with the broad thrust of the Welfare-to-Work strategy. As his bravery in defending university tuition fees shows, he cannot be dismissed as a shirker of hard choices. He is, however, deeply concerned about potential reforms to benefits for the disabled.

The most arresting point in his letter is the admission that spending on disability benefits is rising by 6 per cent in real terms a year. There is an urgent need to tackle that increase at its source. The Prime Minister's willingness to press ahead with such a reconstruction was underlined in a speech on Saturday. Mr Blunkett's letter is a reminder that Mr Blair must display political skill as well as policy clarity if his reforms are not to be mis-sold.

The establishment of a new ministerial working group on welfare reform acknowledges the need to co-ordinate the Government's efforts. The crunch will come quickly. In the first few months of next year, reviews of Welfare-to-Work policy and the tax and benefits structure will be completed and Frank Field, the Minister for Welfare Reform, will publish a Green Paper. Tensions between different approaches within government were already widely reported before the leak of Mr Blunketr's letter. Mr Field and his boss, Harriet Harman, have different priorities, and some of Mr Field's ethical thinking has been at odds with the direction in which the Chancellor wishes to go. The need for stronger central direction and clearer presentation of the Government's philosophical position has become pressing in the wake of the changes to lone parent benefits.

Persuasion need not wait upon the conclusion of the government reviews. The Prime Minister should begin now to prepare his lieutenants for the coming campaign. In particular, he should ensure that John Prescott is prepared to play the evangelist. By binding him at an early stage during the rewriting of Clause Four, Mr Blair transformed initial suspicion from the grass roots into positive enthusiasm for change.

Mr Blair's position has been compared, not least by Matthew Parris last week, to Margaret Thatcher's at the beginning of her administration. He has the support of the party's rising talents and a clear conception of the scale of the task which confronts him. But many in his parliamentary party are set upon confrontation. Just as Mrs Thatcher relied on true believers in bridgehead departments to advance her revolution, so Mr Blair must not falter in his support for the most imaginative modernisers. But even more important for her than the will of the committed was the support of her deputy, the pragmatic traditionalist Willie Whitelaw. His loyalty prevented discontent from coalescing into obstruction. Likewise, the knowledge that Mr Prescott stood shoulder-to-shoulder with his leader on welfare reform would be the most effective deterrent to dissidents today.

Mr Prescott's position is complicated by the poor personal chemistry he enjoys with Ms Harman, an antipathy which was intensified by her choice of a selective school for her son. It could be that Ms Harman will have to change jobs next year to make way for another figure to sell the reforms that she has set in train. To keep his deputy onside, Mr Blair may judge that his New Deal is worth moving an old friend.

#### THE LAST BOER

Botha must testify to the truth commission

The stand-off between Archbishop Desmond Tutu and former President P.W. Botha continued over this weekend. On Friday, for the third time, Mr Botha refused to appear in person before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. He restated that position yesterday. Technically, he should have been arrested for contempt some time o. The South Altican authorities have though, little enthusiasm for sending an 81year-old man into incarceration. Nelson Mandela, who has long experience of it, is desperate not to send his predecessor bar one to prison. Frank Kahn, Attorney-General of the Western Cape Province, has deferred a final decision until January 2.

This delay has been designed to offer Mr Botha one last chance. After that, the Government may have little choice but to place him in custody. The truth commission is in the last part of its proceedings: it cannot afford to be humiliated now. A former President under lock and key would be a powerful symbol for the white ultra-Right. Its re-emergence, and the exploitation of Mr Botha as a political prisoner, could sour relations between South Africa's races.

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Mr Botha should think hard before provoking that confrontation. He has agreed to submit written answers to Archbishop Tutu, but says he will not testify before a "circus". He has argued that his fight against "Marxist revolutionaries" requires no apology. However, the truth commission has not, with the notable exception of its treatment of Winnie Mandela, been a circus. Nor has it been some sort of show trial. On the whole it has been a cathartic exercise: it has accounted for and explained violent acts on all sides during the apartheid era.

Many of those who served in Cabinet with Mr Botha have been content to talk to the commission. They have attempted to articulate a legitimate defence. The intensifying struggle for control of South Africa in the 1980s spawned terror that many would rather not have sanctified. In large part, the fear that majority rule would mean a ne did lie behind the securi strategy of the white establishment. Only later was the realistic assessment made that it was possible to do business with the ANC and bury apartheid peacefully.

Mr Botha's stance is exceptionally selfish. It makes it difficult for the commission to complete its investigation and draw a line under the past. That in turn means that pardoning or releasing those who did commit atrocities in the name of apartheid becomes harder. Until all those involved in the conflict of the 1980s have said their piece, it will be impossible for Mr Mandela to be as free as he wishes with his power of mercy. For the sake of his own troops, Mr Botha should take the stand. Mr Botha should also remember his own

reputation. As President he imposed the state of emergency, but he also took the first step towards a political settlement. His initiatives to ease apartheid, although condemned at the time as tokenism by his opponents, allowed his successor, F.W. de Klerk, to move more quickly towards the ANC. One of Mr Botha's last acts in office was to meet the imprisoned Mr Mandela. The President who, rightly, said that South Africa had "crossed the Rubicon" should not allow himself to become a Boer martyr. Mr Botha owes the future as well as the past his

#### A SOFT TOUCH

Hard-headed landlords are cheating clear-headed drinkers

The happy Scrooge hoping for a cheap round of pub drinks as responsible revellers stick to lemonade must nowadays wish that everyone drank beer. For, as those ordering soft drinks find to their fury, mineral water might as well be vodka, to judge by the price. At almost £3 a pint, water is is almost as expensive as a jug of wine. Orange juice, that other standby to keep the head clear in festive times, is served in bottles so small that the contents disappear with one thirsty swig. And for the price of two bottles one might as well order a tot of whisky. No wonder pubs stand accused of mark-ups as high as last night's darts score. No wonder the Government believes that landlords are undermining the Christmas drinks campaign.

Most regulars have long known that mine host has little interest in serving soft, sweet fizz. The careful tomato juice drinker is unlikely to return for a further four pints, or to down peanuts by the fistful. Those nursing their cola in the corner seem to laugh less, talk less and do less to create the merry atmosphere that lures clients into his hostelry. What regulars may not realise is that publicans have their own way to get even with these enemies of his best bitter. A gadget beneath the bar that oozes a dollop of coloured syrup into carbonated water can supply half a dozen soft drinks, purportedly this or that favourite cola, for the cost of a bag of crisps. Yet most drinkers will find precious Little change from a fiver after only three shots from this dispenser of tasteless fizz.

Nigel Griffiths, the Consumer Affairs Minister, believes that the rip-off is unfair, the mark-up outrageous and the prices a disincentive to any driver with a sense of seasonal responsibility. Injured publicans insist that mineral water revellers occupy as much room, use as many glasses and take up as much time as proper drinkers. They argue that, far from being extortionate, the profit margin on soft drinks is slender and prices are among the lowest in Europe. Those wanting cheap orange juice should stick to the supermarket, they say.

Their claims have as much credibility as the punch of a non-alcoholic beer. Any drinker knows that the average pub offers sickly juice and anaemic cola at a time when the market can supply a tempting variety of soft drinks. The fact is that too many codgers behind the bar cannot be bothered to change, and too many beer companies have an interest in selling only their own products. Customers have seen all this before. For years, pub grub was uneatable until entrepreneurs saw the profit to be made in good food. Fine wine is still virtually unobtainable, but a few landlords are beginning to stock their cellars. And some pub chains, after words with the Government, are to bring down soft drink prices. Britain should look to Canada, where some provinces offer soft drinks at half-price to designated drivers who can show their car keys. Oranges and lemons cost little. They also save lives.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Reformation lies in jail education

From the Director General of HM Prison Service

Sir, The nature of educational services offered by the Prison Service is not "shambolic" as Joel Parkes suggests ("Can we eliminate evil", article, Law, December 16). On the contrary, there is a clear policy: it is to ensure that education plays a full and effective role in stimulating constructive behaviour in prison, and in equipping the full range of prisoners for a life after prison free from crime.

The Open University, though the most popular, is not the only option for those few prisoners who wish to study for a degree course - some study for external degrees from other universities, and in a couple of cases university staff come to prisons to teach inmates to degree level.

The small number of prisoners following degree-level courses is no measure of the efficacy of prison education. Degree-level education is not what most prisoners need. Sixty per cent of the prison population (which today stands at 63.550) have reading and writing skills at or below basic skills agency level I - skills sufficient to qualify them for only one in 25 job vacancies. Basic education is the top priority in our central task of getting prisoners into work and away from crime when they leave prison.

The service's core curriculum — basic education skills, basic IT skills and life and social skills - reflects that. As a core curriculum, it is designed to be offered in all prisons. precisely so that prisoners who move from one prison to another can continue with it.

Beyond the core curriculum, there is a wide range of accredited courses now available. Almost 35,000 prisoners have been screened for basic skills needs. Last year the service offered NVQs in 48 subjects and 17,309 individual NVO units were awarded to prisoners. This year we expect to spend £36.25 million on prison education.

There will always be room for improvement. There is some mismatch between what different prisons can provide, which does sometimes disadvantage prisoners who move part-way through more advanced courses; Joel Parkes's article was quite unwarranted and insulting to our many dedicated education staff.

RICHARD TILT. Director General, HM Prison Service, Cleland House, Page Street SWIP 4LN.

From the Chairman of the Association of Prison Education Contractors

Sir, Joel Parkes's comments on prison education are timely.

When prison education was contracted out in 1993, prison governors were given one overall budget for everything except capital funding. Over the last few years total budgets have been progressively cut and they have had to find savings. Because there is little restriction on how they spend their budgets, some have chosen to protect education spending. making most of their cuts in uniformed staff, while others have cut into the contracted services like education and probation.

In October, governors said on BBC Newsnight that further cuts in their overall budget this year could not be met by reductions in uniformed staff. but would mean the total removal of education, probation, libraries and workshops. At least one prison has given notice to its contractor that it will have no education from April.

This association wrote to the Prisons Minister, Joyce Quin, in October asking for an urgent meeting to discuss the Government's policy on prison education. This is particularly important as we are now engaged in the tendering process to get contracts to deliver prison education from 1999. To date, and after several phone calls to the Home Office, we have received no answer to our letter.

Prison education has become much better organised and the overall quality is rising. However, the quantity available to inmates has declined with spending dropping between 1995-96 and 1996-97 by £2.5 million. In the long term, a proper analysis should be carried out, estimating the correct level of education on budget for each prison. That budget should then be ring-fenced so it is outside the governor's control.

In the short term, the Government needs to make its commitment to a rehabilitative prison system in which education has a vital role. Governors' key performance indicators need to include high education standards. Finally, the public needs to be

weaned off the idea that prison works as an answer to crime. Locking people up is not enough: what you do with prisoners does make a difference, and is worth spending money on.

Yours faithfully. JEFFREY R. BUTCHER. Chairman, Association of Prison Education Contractors, c/o Essex County Council Learning Services' Directorate. PO Box 47, A Block, County Hall, Chelmsford CM1. December 17.

With the postal delays that often occur at this time of year, it is useful, where possible, for letters to be faxed to 0171-782 5046 or sent by e-mail to: letters@the-times co.uk

Please give telephone numbers.

#### Tory party reformers seek a voice for the rank-and-file

From Mr John E. Strafford

Sir, The Times is right (leading article, Tories for democracy", December 17) to take credit for the emerging enthusiasm for democracy in the Conservative Party. I cannot agree with the views of Sir Julian Critchley (letter. December 19), which are more akin to the politics of the 19th rather than the

21st century.

Electing the leader on the basis of one member, one vote, without an electoral college, is the kind of grand gesture that will help to transform public perception of the party and make it electable again. It will encourage new members to join.

In addition, people will be able to contrast the democratic way in which Conservatives elect their leader with the false democracy of the Labour Party. Labour operates an electoral college in which individual members have only one third of the votes and MPs and members of affiliated organisations (mainly trade unionists) one third each. Such a system enshrines the vested interests of the unions in electing the leader.

By adopting The Times's proposals the Conservatives will be able to highlight Labour's outrageous arrange-

Yours faithfully, JOHN E. STRAFFORD. Chairman, Copov, (Campaign for Conservative Party Perama, Fulmer Road, Gerrards Cross SL9 7EG. December 19.

From Mr Eric Chalker

Sir, The Times is a strong advocate of democracy in the Conservative Party. especially for its leader to be elected by one member, one vote. If this is to be the only means of achieving democracy, however, it will not be sufficient for mov to apply only to the final round.

Democracy is effective only if those who exercise the vote can do so to

Two-flag Gibraltar From General Sir William Jackson

Sir, Mr Mike Gilbert (letter, December 16) should understand that Gibraltar is not ours to give away nor Spain's to acquire: it belongs to the Gibraltarians, whose home it has been for almost 300 years. He implies that the Gibraltarians are Spanish. which they certainly are not.

The capture of the Rock in 1704 is only relevant today as the birthday of the Gibraltarian people. We no longer hold the Rock for strategic reasons. And any parallels with the leased territories of Hong Kong are equally fallacious; Gibraltar was ceded in perpetuity to Britain.

The original Spanish civilian inhabitants, who abandoned the Rock in 1704, were replaced largely by the small Genoese colony, who stayed on. and brought their relations from Genoa to serve the English fleet and garrison. For the first hundred years of the British period, the land frontier was hermetically sealed by Spain, and the Rock's repopulation depended upon attracting traders and workers from other British bases in the Mediterranean and from Britain. It was not until Napoleon invaded Spain in 1807, and the Rock became a supply base for the local resistance, that Spanish girls could add their genes to the Gibraltarian ethnic mix.

We have tried for over 40 years to persuade Spain to abandon coercion

Sir, It struck me as being slightly iron-

ic that three and a half centuries after

locking up Galileo for doing so, the

Vatican is building its own telescope.

Presumably the telescope will be

Sir, I regard the Lord Chancellor, who

complains about fat-cat lawyers

exploiting the legal aid system (report.

December 11), as largely responsible

for the public belief that anybody

involved in legal aid work exploits the

I act as a duty solicitor, on call to the

police station at any time during a

specified 24-hour period, and the

remuneration made available by a

reluctant Lord Chancellor to my firm.

as a legal aid franchisee, is £61.75 per

hour for work undertaken in unsocial

The other morning, idly waiting for

my client to be charged, at Zam, I

worked out exactly what it was worth

to me to be in the police station at that

ungodly hour. Once I had extracted

from that sum the fixed proportion of

office overheads, that share of it to

which my partners were entitled, and

the income tax payable upon my own

share, I was left with 73p. This cat is

Walker. Smith & Way (solicitors).

feeling decidedly lean.

Yours faithfully,

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December 11.

Papal U-turn

named Urban VIII.

ADAM K. COHEN.

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Legal 'fat cats'

From Mr J. D. H. Heath

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Yours faithfully,

December 15

From Mr Adam K. Cohen

bring about change. If change can be achieved only through the leader, party members must be given the right to initiate such a change.

Even so, if one candidate receives

the support of, say, 48 per cent and another 28 per cent, there will be no third candidate for party members to consider. They will inevitably then be asked to allow the one with 48 per cent to succeed, perhaps without a final

A more effective way of ensuring democracy was advocated by The Times on October 8, in a leading article calling for the party's governing board to be "populated by people directly elected by the entire party". The idea that at least the party's officers on the board should be elected by the membership is now an active issue of debate and one that will not go away, whatever is decided about the leader.

Yours sincerely, ERIC CHALKER, 21 Ingleside Close, Beckenham BR3 IQU. December 19.

vote at all.

From Mr Mark Orton

Sir, Whether they are right or wrong, at least one knows what the so-called "right-wing Tories" who occupy the floor at the Conservative conference stand for (Sir Julian Critchley's letter). This can hardly be said of the last

In my view, the moderate platform has had its day. What is needed is pos-itive leadership and not impossible attempts to please all the people all the time.

Yours truly, MARK ORTON, 2 Selwyn Close, Alrewas, Staffordshire DE13 7DR. mto888@aol.com December 19.

From Mr Keith Walters

other reason.

December 16.

Yours faithfully,

BILL JACKSON

Gibraltar, 1978-82),

West Stowell Place,

From Mr M. L. Abel

Oare, Marlborough SN8 4JU.

Sir, As a lifelong Conservative sup-porter, and a local politician, I was

of this proud and loyal British people.

and to adopt a policy of good-neigh-bourliness towards them. This could

benefit people on both sides of the

frontier and might conceivably lead.

in the longer term, to Gibraltar opting

for Spain through osmosis, if for no

(Governor and Commander-in-Chief,

Sir. Mr Gilbert bases his argument

for "an accommodation" with Spain

over Gibraltar on an unsupported

statement that "Britain twisted a for-

Gibraltar has been British (1704 to

date) longer than it was Spanish (1492)

to 1704). It was Moorish for longer

than the combined periods of Spanish

then British sovereignty.

There is no valid reason why the

wishes of the overwhelming majority

of the Gibraltarians should not be tak-

en into account. It is right that the sta-

tus quo should be preserved - unless

one subscribes to the geography

28 Waterpark Road, Salford M7 4ET.

Sir, Mr Phil Ridgway wryly points out

to his children that he was born in

what is today the saloon bar of the Fox

I too was born at home, above my

father's sub-post office in Putney. This

is often marked by a star on road

maps — a fact that never ceases to

amaze my son aged eight, especially at

Sir, I often remind my son, at present

out celebrating the festive season, that

his birthplace, on Hyde Terrace,

Leeds, is now a Detoxification Unit.

and Goose (letter, December 16).

theory of history.

Yours faithfully,

Home births

this time of year.

Yours faithfully,

December 17.

Yours faithfully, ANNE SCOTT,

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Sale, Cheshire, M33 4BJ.

Jumping the gun

Sir. House style changes infrequently

at The Times; whilst you promptly

adopted correspondents' e-mail add-

resses it is only today that I notice the

inclusion of postcodes, and omission

Should we now write "Dear Sir?"

Or would that be premature?

From Mr Ian Munro

of county names.

Yours faithfully.

IAN MUNRO,

December 13.

PATRICIA E. CAREY,

65 Harefield Avenue.

From Mrs Anne Scott

Cheam. SM2 7ND.

From Mrs Patricia Carey

M. L. ABEL

What is certainly the case is that

eign power's arm" to gain the Rock.

appalled (but not greatly surprised) by the arrogance of Sir Julian Critchley's letter inday. His last sentence, "Throw them a bone by all means, but make it a small one" brilliantly encapsulates the attitude to the rank-and-file that has brought the Conservative Party to its present position in British national

These "right-wing Tories of the most unattractive kind" were always considered suitable to go out canvass-ing for people like Sir Julian: but they are, apparently, not responsible enough to have a significant voice in the selection of a leader.

KEITH WALTERS. 1 The Gardens, Sawtry, Huntingdon PE17 5SU. keith walters

@council.camenty.gov.uk December 19.

From Colonel Charles H. Wilson

Sir, Now the reasons for the decline and fall of the Conservative Party are clear. In the columns opposite on December 19 Matthew Parris instances the excitement caused in the early 1980s when Julian Critchley wrote an anonymous article criticis-

ing Mrs Thatcher's leadership, and

the early clouds of doubt it raised. Meanwhile, on this page, also on December 19, Sir Julian Critchley writes about "the battle waged". between a relatively moderate platform [at Conservative conferences] and an extremist rank-and-file"; the former possessing good sense and the latter noisy and foolish.

And so it was on the Ides of March a stab in the back and a public scorned.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES WILSON, Foxhills. Norwich, NRI4 7RZ.

70 Long Road, Framingham Earl, December 21.

Happy Saturnalia

From Mr Nicolas Walter

Sir, Christmas is a tricky business. The problem with trying to reclaim it for Christianity (letter, December 17) is that for centuries the inhabitants of the Roman Empire celebrated midwinter as the pagan Saturnalia or the Mithraic Day of the Unconquered Sun, until the Christian authorities eventually decided that it coincided with the birthday of their founder and claimed it as their own.

Most people nowadays are simply reclaiming the festival for its original purposes. And the problem with telling children that Father Christmas doesn't exist (report, December 18) is that for many people the same is true of Jesus; after all, there is far more evidence for Father Christmas.

Yours etc. NICOLAS WALTER. Rationalist Press Association, 88 Islington High Street, NI 8EW.

Spirit of giving

From Miss Verity Worthington

Sir, Ian Brodie's article today on the Heifer Project - under which American present-givers can donate hot lunches to Ethiopian children, for instance, or a goat or a share in a water buffalo to other Third World families - shows that at last the American public, in contrast to the British, have realised what Christmas is really about.

Instead of buying the unnecessary gift items that we all receive and don't need each Christmas, we should think of the smiling face of the little Mongolian girl photographed in the article. I for one would be very grateful to receive a card and memento informing me that such a gift had been pur-chased on my behalf.

There are so many people in the world who need the help that we are so reluctant to give. When we wake up in our warm houses on Christmas morning let us spare a thought for all the people who may not even know it's

VERITY WORTHINGTON (aged 15), Kripling, 122 St John's Avenue. Kidderminster, DY11 6AU. December 17.

Heavenly gift

From Mrs Elizabeth Elliot

Sir, Mr Charles Ottaway's discovery (letter, December 20) raises a new and interesting philosophical point, namely: how many angels can play cards in

Yours faithfully, ELIZABETH ÉLLIOT, 51 Ouickley Lane. Chorleywood WD3 5AE. liz@downbelow.demon.co.uk

From Mr Hugh Douglas

Sir, A local store here has a crib scene labelled "The Holy Family. Reduced to £7.99. Was £12.99".

aiready? Yours faithfully,

Sport letters, page 33

a tin; and have they room to dance?

December 20.

Is it time to discount Christmas

68 Furzedown Road, Sutton SM25QF. HUGH DOUĞLAS, 146 Broadway, Peterborough PEI 4DC December 20.



## COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM. NORFOLK

December 21: A Service of Lessons and Carols was held Sandringham Parish Church this morning.

ST JAMES'S PALACE December 20: The Duke of Kent this evening attended the Macmillan Eton College Carof Concert and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire (Mr Philip Wroughton).

#### Birthdays today

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Aiken. 76: Mr James Burke. broadcaster, ol: Mr Robin Corbett, MP, 64: Viscount Davidson, 69; Miss E.M. Diggory, Head Mistress. Manchester High School for Girls, 52: Mr Noel Edmonds, broadcaster, 49: Mr Geoffrey Fitchew, chairman, Building Societies Commission, 58: Mr Maurice Gibb and Mr Robin Gibb. singers. 48: Miss Patricia Hayes. actress. 88: Mrs Karin Jonzen, sculptor, 83: Dr Judith McClure. Headmistress. St George's School for Girls, Edinburgh, 52; Sir Trefor Morris, former Chief Inspector of Constabulary, 63: Mr Chris Old. former cricketer, 49; the Rev Lord Sandford, 77: Mr M. Sheldrick, Governor, Holloway Prison, 47: Lord Stott. 8S: the Duke of Westminster, 46: Mr Ken Whitmore, playwright, 58: Sir Peregrine Worsthorne, journalist. 74.

#### Latest wills

Ronald Gordon Fraser, the actor, of London NW3, who died aged 64, left estate valued at £325,216 net.

Air Marshal Sir Denis Crowley-Milling, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, left estate valued at £200,941 net. Sir Horace Cutler, former leader of the Greater London Council, of Gerrards Cross. Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £188.433 net. Geoffrey Sellar, of Little-

hampton. West Sussex. left esrate valued at £18,531,178 net.

#### The ways of Roman carpenters revealed

By Norman Hammond

ROMAN carpenters at Herculaneum stockpiled wood, often for decades, while the merchants who supplied them went as far as the Alps for good timber, a recent study

The evidence for stockpiling at Pompeii's neighbour, and like it buried by the eruption of Vesuvius in AD79, comes from a carpenter's workshop. where a stack of sconched timbers was found. Measuring the tree-rings. Professor Peter Kuniholm found that some were cut in or after AD72 but others in the same pile had been felled up to several decades earlier.

Some showed signs of having been used, then re-used. suggesting that demolition materials were recycled for

new buildings. When Professor Kuniholm tried to match the tree-ring patterns in the Herculaneum timbers, he had to go as far as the Black Forest south of Munich Radiocarbon daring confirmed the contemporane ity of the Herculaneum samples with the German trees. "All of this means that some enterprising Roman timber merchant went north to a

seaport like Genoa or Venice.

and brought wood south from

there to Herculaneum," Pro-

fessor Kuniholm said.

## Minstrels' London parade



The Provost of Southwark Cathedral, the Very Rev Colin Slee, and jester Jonathon de Hadleigh pause at the replica of the Golden Hind yesterday on a minstrels' Christmas parade from the cathedral to Shakespeare's Globe

#### Nature notes

MISTLE thrushes are singing again: they have a rich, wild song that always ends abruptly, as though the bird had been startled. They will sing on through the roughest winter weather. Song thrushes are also singing again, often repeating the whistling phrases in their song two or three times, but they will fall silent if it gets very cold. Rooks are roosting in dense woods, but in the daytime they sometimes visit their rookeries. If overhead cables pass near the rookery, they like to sit in a flock high on the pylons. Long-tailed tits use

their tails skilfully for balanc-

ing as they swing under twigs looking for moth eggs, but they sometimes lose their grip and flutter wildly down to a

The dry thistle heads hang broken from the stems, but teasel is still standing upright



with its prickly oval seed heads, and the bushy burdock plants are covered with hooked seeds that will catch on fur and clothes. Buds are already green on sycamore trees, while lime trees have smail red buds. Grey squirrels have lost most of the reddish tinge of summer and are ranging afield in search of

Two books by Derwent May, based on his articles in The Times, are published by Robson Books: Feather Reports, illustrated by Robin Jacques (£12.95, hardback). and The New Times Nature Diary, illustrated by Richard Blake illustrated by Richard (£6.99, paperback).

#### University news

Oxford JESUS COLLEGE

1997:
Caroline Andrewes, modern languages, Geraint ap Gwilym, PPE, Gareth Bloomheld blochemistry. Richard Buli, chemistry, Edward Carlin, mathematics, Christopher Carty, mathematics, Stephen Conway, chemistry, Stuart Cowley, engineering, economics, and management. Cerri Darbon, law with law studies in Europe, Charles Donaid, physics, David Huss, physics, Jonathan Leather, geology, Claire Lewis, Chemistry, Richard Medcalf, engineering Science, Neil Medley, physics, Lawrence Moon, PPP, Charalambos, Neophytou, English, Matthew Peacock, Literae Humaniores, Samuel Roberts, human sciences, Ellot Simons, geography, Owen Thomas, English, Annabel Todd chemistry, Guy Weston-Smith classics and modern languages, Catherine Wilson, chemistry.
They have all been awarded a college pairs of \$1.15 in books. They have all been awarded a college prize of £125 in books.

#### Marriages

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's, Worplesdon, Surrey, between Mr Nigel Frand, son of Colonel and Mrs N.W. Frend, of Fulham, and Miss Zara Tedder, elder daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs TJ. Tedder. of Normandy, Surrey. The Rev Roy McAllen officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by William and Evic Elliott, Miss Laura Tedder and Miss Amanda Frend, Mr Hugo de Pree was best man.

A reception was held at Moor Park House, Farnham, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad. Mr I.M. Lockwood and Miss T.A. Bradford

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, December 20, at St Stephen's Parish Church, St Albans, of Mr Ian Marsh Lockwood, elder son of Mr and Mrs Derek Lockwood, of Maidstone, Kent, to Miss Tracey Anne Bradford, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs James Bradford, of St Albans.

Captain T.G. Vallings and Miss L.M Bull

The marriage took place on Sat-urday at St Andrew's, South Stoke, Oxfordshire, between Captain Tom Vallings, second son of Vice-Admiral Sir George and Lady Vallings, of Long Ditton, Surrey, and Miss Louisa Bull, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Bull. Bull, of North Stoke. The Rev

Simon Wilkinson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Prudence Dawes, Miss Pippa Bull, Miss Catherine Bishop and Miss Emily Mulcare. Mr Simon Daniells was best man. A reception was held at Englefield House, Berkshire, and the honeymoon will be spent

#### Church of Scotland

The Rev Michael Sheppard to Ervie Kirkcolm with Leswalt. The Rev James McMillan to Christ's Kirk, Glenrothes. The Rev Stuart Duff to Lockwood,

Ordination The Rev Karen K. Watson as assistant, Edinburgh High (St Giles).

Induction The Rev Alan L. Dunnen to Partick Translations

The Rev Robert J. Ramsay from Airlie, Kingoldrum and Ruthven with Glenisla with Kilry with Lintrathen to Invergowrie. The Rev G. Melvyn Wood, from Clark Memorial, Largs, to Cullen and Deskford. Demission

The Rev Joan Arbuthnott from The Rev Gordon Oliver from

## Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.F. Allen and Miss M.L. Harrington The forthcoming marriage is anpounced between Cassidy Flynn Allen, youngest son of Mr Chet Allen and the late Mrs M. Allen, of Los Angeles, and Melanie Louise Harrington, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Harrington, of Duncote, Northamptonshire. The marriage will take place on December 24, 1997, at Lake Tahoe,

Mr G.E. Bishop and Miss J.L. Campbell

The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Bishop, of Cranbrook, Kent, and Jessica, daughter of Judge Quentin Campbell, of Oxford, and Mrs Penelope Purdon, of North Leigh, Oxfordshire. Mr T.H. Butcher

and Miss P. Brett The engagement is announced, from New York, between Thomas

Hendy, elder son of the late Mr Richard Butcher and of Mrs Felicity Butcher, of Bath, Somer-set, and Patricia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas A. Brett, of Ravenna, Ohio. Mr M.K. Duggan

and Miss C.J. Price The engagement is announced between Michael son of Captain and Mrs Terence Duggan, of Highmour Oxfordshire, and Kensington, London, and Carolyn Jayne, daughter of Captain Rodney Price, of Hong Kong, and Mrs Maureen Price, of Easingwold, North Yorkshire.

Mr A.J. Fishpoo and Miss S.L. Waldron

The engagement is announced between Adrian, son of Mr and Mrs John Fishpool, of Kempley, Gloucestershire, and Sharon, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Waldron, of Gloucester. Mr G.W.C. Harvey and Miss R.J. Gilbert

the engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr and Mrs John Harvey, of Hitchin. Hertfordshire, and Rebecca, youn-ger daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Gilbert, of Cannock, Staffordshire.

and Miss R. Hill The marriage will take place today, in Zurich, of Marcel, son of Jim and Trudy Fok, of Zurich, to Rowena, daughter of Martin and Cecily Hill, of Aberfeldy, A service of blessing will take place later in

Mr J.A. Eadie

and Miss R.V. Morgan The engagement is announced, between James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Alastair Eadle, of Bourne Orchard, Brickendon, Hertford, and Rebecca, youngest daughter of Professor and Mrs David Morgan. of The Old Nursery, Hill Chorlton, Staffordshire.

Mr W.C. Gardner and Miss E.A. Warden

The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs James Gardner, of Wanaka, New Zealand, and Emily, daughter of Mr and Mrs Warwick Warden, of Little Hacham,

Mr M.L.W. Hanslip Ward and Miss R.B. Prior

The engagement is announced between Marthew, only son of Mr C.M. Hanslip Ward, of Hartley, Kent, and of Mrs M.A. Hanslip Ward, of Rochester, Kent, and Rosemary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.A. Prior, of Ruishton.

Dr F.H. Sansbe and Dr H.M. Schlich

between Francis Hugh, son of Canon and Mrs Christopher Sansbury, of Long Melford, Sul-folk, and Henrietta Miriam, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Schlich, of Broadchyst. Devon.

Mr D.C. Slade and Miss A.M. Rose

The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr Stanley Slade and the late Mrs Slade, of Ongar, Essex, and Ali-son, only daughter of the late Captain Michael Rose and of Mrs Rose, of Lee-on-the-Solent.

#### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Karl Abel, compos Cöthen, Germany, 1725: John Crome, landscape painter, Nor-wich, 1768: Jean Henri Fabre, naturalist, St-Léons, France, 1823; Giacomo Puccini, composer, Lucca, Italy, 1858; Edwin Arlington Robinson, poet, Head Tide, Maine, 1869; Edgar Varese, composer, Paris, 1883.

DEATHS: Duc de Sully, soldier and statesman, Villebon. France, 1641: William Hyde Wollaston, physician, London, 1828; George Eliot, novelist, London, 1880; Dwight Moody, evangelist. Northfield, Massachusetts, 1899:

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CRAWFORD - On 9th December 1997 to Susannah (née Marcall) and justin, a son, Callum Thomas Andrew, a brother for Rosanna. LEDGER - On December 8th in Singapore, to Sammy (née Taylor) and William, a daughter, Jessica Elisabeth.

December 15th, to Ursula and Sean, a daughter, Boisin Marie, a sister for Clara. STEWART - On December 18th at Winchester, to Sally (see Jung) and Alastair, a son, Oscar George, a brother for Alexander, Clemmic and

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

COOPER - On 22nd December 1937 at St Edmund's Church, Leeds, Richard Mark Church, Leeds, Richard Mark to Dorothy, A joyous

ANNIVERSARIES

HOLROYD: DUMVILLE GOAD December 22nd 1947 at St. Matthew's Chunch, Rankfoot, Bradford, Kenneth to Brenda. Rappy in Holbrook, Suffalk.

DEATHS

CALDWELL - On 18th December, peacefully ar Southward, Rambiedown Lanc, West Chillington, Mabel aged 99 years, Widow of Col. Wilfrid Caldwell, or col. wifted Calaweit, much loved mother of Bill and grandmother of Fione, William and James, Private funeral, followed by Memorial Service at St Mary's Church, Finleworth at 2.30 pm on Monday, January 5th. Family howers only please but donations to The Friends of King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst would be appreciated and the properties.

Giro Bank). On December 17th in Cheltenham, aged 75 years. Sadly missed by Patrick and also his sistem, alcoes and sephew. A private cremation has taken place. Enquiries to W.S. Trenhalle Funeral Directors, tel: (01242) 224897.

(01242) 224897.

DIRKSE-VAN-SCHALKWYK Willow, pescefully at home
in Monte Carlo on 19th
December aged 90, former
South African Minister in
London and Ambassador to
Canada, France and Italy.
Husband of the late Mary
Jane (200 Pally) and of the
jate honorable Anne (200
Morgan-Grenville) and
father of John and the late
Willom and grandfather.
Funeral at St Paul's church,
Monte Carlo, Tuesday 23rd
December.

DEATHS

PALMER - On 17th December 1997, James (Binmy) aged 74 years, after many years of patient suffering, much lowed husband of Mangaret and lowing father to John, Mike and their inmilies. Funeral Service at St Peneral

HILL - Stanley (Stan) of Stratford-on-Avon, iate of Natrobi, died suddenly 16th December Dear brother of Joyce, Mariet, Dawn, Peter, Valerie and Barbara-Feneral 230 pm 24th December at Oakley Wood, Weilesboune, Waryeickning Will be sudju

LAWRENCE - On December 19th, peacefully in Lymington Hospital, Helen Mary, aged 83 years. Beloved wife of Reg and loving mother of Devid and Richard. Funeral Service at Boursemouth Crematorium on Tursday December 30th at 11.45 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for The Salvation Army may be sent clo F.W. House and Sons. F/D, Lymington, Hampshire, SO41 9NE.

LOMAX - Kenneth Claud of Cobham, Surrey a Freeman of Institute of Bookbinding and Allied Trades. Feacefully on December 18th in Ashtead Hospital aged 70. Greatly loved husband of Doris, proud father of Clifford, Warren and Ashley and a much loved 'Grandad'. Cremation at Randall's Park, Leatherhead on Wednesday December 24th at 11.30am. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Stockbinders Charitable Society.

Mcil. VENNA - John Anthony Mcil. Venna, Maj. Gen. CB, died peacefully at home after a short illness on 18th December. Beloved husband of Hilde and dearly beloved tather of Margaret and Michael, grandfather, greatgrandfather and brother. Funeral on 24th December 1 pm at Headcorn Catholic Church, followed by burial at 2.30 pm at Tenterden Cometery.

MORNIEMENT - B. Joyce died peacefully aged 102 on 16th December 1997. Wife of lare Commander John Mornement, beloved "Granny Joyce" to Charlotte, Rags, Cerl, Mike, Sian, Suaan, Mark and Yronse and friend to many morn better Sellius. mark and Ivones and Itland
to many more besides. Sadly
missed by Peter and Jane.
Futural on Sth January 1998
2.15 pm at Reading
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QAKELEY - Mary, suddenly on 18th December, younger daughter of Major and Mrs E. F. Oakeley; hat headmistness of Craighead Diocesan School, Thoman, New Zealand and of St Felix, Southwold, Suttoik. Fazerai at St. Leonands Church, Eynnham on Monday 29th December at 2 am. Family Rowers only please, Enquiries to Green & Co. 21. High Street, Pymsham, Oxon. Tak 01865 880837.

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WETHEREIL. Georgette Maria.

on January ZZnd 1998 at Choises Oid Charch London.
WEIFERELL Georgette Maria (née Mathovitch) pescetully on 18th December 1997 in Addle Ababa aged 77. Beloved wife of Geoffrey, mother of Gordon and Christine and gandmother of Michele, Christine (Kiki). Stephanie, Emily and Alexandra, Funeral service on 23rd December at 12 anom at 5t. Mary's Church, Thorpe followed by bursis at Thorpe cemetery at 1pm. Enquiries to F. Harrison & Son (01784) 432163.
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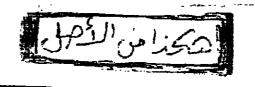
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## LORD KINGS NORTON

Lord Kings Norton (Harold Roxbee Cox), aeronantical engineer, Chancellor of Cranfield University (formerly Cranfield Institute of Technology), died yesterday in bospital in Glouestershire aged 95. He was born in Birmingham on June 6, 1902

cientist, administrator and industrialist, Harold Roxbee Cox was for more than half a century a leading figure in British aviation. A past President of the Royal Aeronautical Society, and a former Chief Scientist to the Ministry of Fuel and Power, he brought sound judgment, fairness and clarity of thought to a wide range of public service and a catholic span of activities, in a long life that ran from the era of the leisurely rigid airship to that of the supersonic jet. The son of William and Amelia Roxbee

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Cox, "Roxbee" - as he was known to legions of friends throughout his life went, first, to Kings Norton Grammar School, Birmingham, and, from there, in 1918, as a 16-year-old engineering apprentice, to the Austin Motor Company at its Northfield Works, Longbridge. There, to his delight, in addition to motorcar work. he took part in the design and building of a single-seat light biplane — the "Austin Whippet" of which, in the depressed aftermath of war, only five were built.

The work had given him a taste for aviation. That was reinforced in July of 1919 when the British rigid airship R34 made the first "double-crossing" of the North Atlantic. Its widely acclaimed success launched Roxbee Cox upon his lifelong interest in lighter-than-air, and prompted him to start what was to become a magnificent and probably unrivalled collection of balloon and

airship prints and paintings. While still at Longbridge he gained an external London University BSc with first class honours and went on, in 1922, to do research for his PhD at London's Imperial College of Science and Technology, specifically on aircraft wing sections. His abiding airship interest then led him, in 1924, to apply for a post in the newlyformed Royal Airship Works at Cardington, Bedford, to work on the design of RIOI in a dedicated team under Colonel Vincent Richmond.

At Cardington, Cox's aerodynamic

talents were quickly recognised and with his contemporaries, the future Lord Baker of Windrush and the future Sir Alfred Pugsley — he laid out the "near perfect, streamline form" of RiOl, as a clear advance on earlier Zeppelin practice. For this, in 1928, the Royal Aeronautical Society awarded him the R38 Memorial Prize for a paper on "external forces on an

airship structure". Close and continued liaison between the Royal Airship Works and the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough produced, in 1929, an offer to Roxhee Cox to join the Aerodynamics Department of the RAE — a centre of aeronautical activity which was to occupy him for the next decade (apart from a brief return to Cardington in 1931 as chief technical officer, ended by the government decision to abandon further airship work).

During the next four years, from 1932 to 1935, Roxbee Cox led investigations at the RAE into problems of wing flutter and the stability of monoplane structures, areas in which increasing aircraft speeds were causing catastrophic difficulties. At the same time, at Imperial College, he began to build a sound reputation as a lecturer

on aircraft structures.

Promoted in 1935 to be principal scientific officer in the aerodynamics department of the RAE, he was switched, when war clouds began to loom, to become head of the RAE's Air Defence Department. There he began a happy collaboration with some of the chief designers of the British aircraft industry, working on the new generation of British monoplane fighters (Hurricane, Spitfire and Defiant) and the new monoplane bombers (Battle, Blenheim, Wellington and Whitley). At the same time, he was able to keep in touch with lighter-than-air developments through the improvisation of the kite-balloon barrage.

By 1938, his personal and technical qualities were recognised in quite a different field when, on March 1, 1938, he was appointed the first chief technical officer of the newly formed Air Registration Board - a statutory, autonomous body set up to become responsible for the standards of design, construction and maintenance of British civil aircraft, and to award (or withhold) certificates of

Doubts about the appointment of a



"boffin" to a such a key position in relation to British civil aircraft were dispelled when the aircraft industry welcomed Roxbee Cox as one who combined academic prowess with practical knowhow, sound common sense and a genial ability to communicate; qualities which remained with him - and served him well - for the rest of his life.

Under Roxbee Cox - and its chairman, Sir Maurice Denny - the new ARB quickly gained a reputation for efficiency

and ability and, in its first year of operation, recommended the granting of certificates of airworthiness to 987 individual aircraft.

When war came in September 1939 and the ARB went into semi-purdah for the duration, there came - inevitably - another major change in Roxbee Cox's career. Back at the RAE, he was appointed superintendent of scientific research, and then - with the formation of the Ministry of Aircraft Production, in

1940 — its director of scientific research on new projects, including troop-carrying gliders.

From that, in 1941, as director of special projects, in collaboration with Sir Frank Whittle, he was charged with the administration and co-ordination of the top-secret development of the jet engine. On April 28, 1944. Sir Stafford Cripps, as Minister of Aircraft Production, appointed Roxbee Cox chairman and managing director of Power Jets (Research and Development) Ltd, a state-owned company, to take over the former small, privately owned body of the same name.

That plunged Roxbee Cox into the

delicate task of preserving a balance between Power Jets and Whittle on the one hand (involved with prototype engines), while leaving — to Whittle's chaggin — production to the aero-engine and the production to the aero-engine production to the aero-engine industry, represented chiefly by Rolls-Royce, Armstrong Siddeley, de Havilland, Bristol and Metropolitan-Vickers. Roxbee Cox's diplomatic talents were exercised to the limit in keeping peace (through his Gas-Turbine Collaboration Committee) between those aero-engine companies and Frank Whittle himself, who, understandably, felt that Power Jets should build, fly and produce its own engines to his designs.
That was, however, not government

policy and in 1946, Power Jets was absorbed into the National Gas Turbine Establishment at Pvestock, under Roxbee Cox, at a time when he was also President of the Royal Aeronautical Society (1947-49) and a member of the Aeronautical Research Council.

Meanwhile, on July 22, 1941. Roxbee Cox, with Air Marshal Linnell, had introduced an American aviation mission to the secrets of jet propulsion, leading on to manufacture in the United States. For this he was awarded the American Medal of Freedom with Silver Palm.

In 1948, with that behind him, such was his reputation in the broad field of national technology that he was appointed to be Chief Scientist of the then vital Ministry of Fuel and Power, and, in the Birthday Honours of 1953, appointed a Knight Bachelor.

In the same year, having diplomatically pointed out to the Committee of Scientific Manpower, (of which he was a member), that, out of the 52 Permanent Secretaries

HAROLD GENEEN

of government departments, only one was a scientist (and he at the Ministry of Pensions), he retired from the Civil Service and became vice-chairman of the governing body of the College of Aeronautics at Cranfield, which he had helped to form in 1944.

Thereafter, he returned to his previous bailiwick as vice-chairman of the Council of the Air Registration Board, as well as the chairmanship of the National Council for Technological Awards, and embarked upon an industrial career, in which he collected a number of enjoyable director-

Among them, in 1961, he became chairman of the Metal Box Company, and chairman of Berger Jenson and Nichol-son. From 1961 to 1965 he was chairman of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, a director of Boulton Paul Aircraft, of Ricardo and Company, and of the Steel Company, Wales. In 1965 Sir Harold Roxbee Cox was

created a life peer, as Baron Kings Norton, sitting on the cross benches under the Labour administration of Harold Wilson. He was appointed chairman of the governing body of the College of Aeronautics and, in 1969, when it was granted a royal charter, he became the first Chancellor of the Cranfield Institute of Technology, while, between 1965 and 1972, he was chairman of the Air. Registration Board. He was President of the Royal Institution from 1969 to 1976.

From his contributions to the building of the airship RiOl to those of the development of the jet engine, combined with his work on scientific research and on technical education, together with the receipt of so many academic honours, his career embraced an almost unrivalled record of service in Britain's national life. And to it all he brought great good humour and a lively sense of fun, not least appreciated in his regular speeches in the House of Lords, where he took an active part in debates on subjects which ranged from unidentified flying objects to the deterioration of the English language. In 1927 he had married Marjorie Pack

of Northwood, by whom he had two sons. She died in 1980. In 1982, he married Joan Pascoe of Torquay, who survives him. She further enhanced his last, still active, 15 years, to which she brought much care

#### **JUZO ITAMI**

Juzo Itami, Japanese film director, committed suicide on December 20 aged 64. He was born in Kyoto in 1933.

THE shock of Juzo Itami's dramatic death is heightened by the appearance on Tokyo : streets today of the magazine Flash, containing an account and a photograph apparently suggesting that the film director was having an affair with an unnamed 26 year-old woman. Itami, having vigorously denied any improper relationship, on Saturday might jumped from the roof of the eight-story building where he had his office, leaving a note which said: "Only through my death can I prove

It was not the first time that high drama had crossed over from the movies to enter his life. In 1992 he was attacked outside his home by knifewielding yakuza gangsters and suffered serious lacerations on his face, neck and arms, requiring several weeks of recovery in hospital. The vicious assault followed

the appearance of his film Minbo no Omna (The Gangster's Moll), which satirised greed and disloyalty within the yakuza establishment, Japan's version of the Mafia. Itami also had to resort to participating in a witness protection programme for his own safety, an experience which he used as a theme in his most recent film. Mautai-No-Onna, in which an actress, having witnessed a murder by a religious cult. testifies in the face of threats.

Kyoto where Juzo Itami was born, is not only the ancient capital of Japan, but was the birthplace in 1897 of the Japanese film industry. Juzo's father was the notable prewar director Mansaku Itami. A career as artist, essayist and television talkshow host was accompanied by early success in acting. Juzo Itami even appeared in films



Nicholas Ray's 55 Days in Peking (1963) and Richard Brook's Lord Jim (1965).

It was not until he had reached 50 that he turned to directing his own screenplays, achieving an immediate critical and commercial success with The Funeral, alternatively known as Death Japanese Style (1984), a mordant and inventive black comedy on undertaking rituals. It was followed by the work

that won him an international reputation, the brilliant "foodie" film *Tampopo* (1986), an enchanting gastronomic satire (he described it as a "ramen western") in which he artfully demonstrated the link between eating and sex, with constant close-ups of erotically mouthwatering dishes to provoke unrest in audience tastebuds.

As in his first film and all that followed, heading the cast, and playing the eager proprietress of a noodle restaurant, was the incandescent actress Nobuko Miyamoto, his wife and muse, whose integral position in his life is shown by another passage in his suicide note which reads: "Please take care of Ms Miyamoto. She is the best wife, mother and actress in Japan."

In accordance with his skills, uncommon in Japan, in



A scene from Itami's hit film Tampopo (1986)

presenting strong female characters, she was the lead in A Taxing Woman (1987), playing the fearless investigator of Japanese businessmen's padded expense accounts, and while life among the tax inspectors might seem to be an umpromising subject, it yielded so much rich cornedy and

box-office success that it was quickly followed by a sequel (A Taxing Woman's Return) the next year, in which she set out to net bigger fish, criminals engaged in big-time tax fraud. A-Ge-Man (Tales of a Golden Geisha), a memorable success at the 1990 Venice festival, was denied a proper release in Britain, where modern Japa-

nese cinema is unjustly neolerted. In it Mivamoto gave a superbly capable performance as a modern geisha. Who although trained from adolescence to bring good fortune to powerful men, somehow retained her moral purity. The

director managed to combine humour with a sharp-edged often brutal tone.

Itami became the most internationally renowned Japanese director after Akira Kurosawa, who along with Ozu and Bunuel, exerted considerable influence on his work. His acerbic attacks on Japanese capitalism, organised crime, bureaucrats, the law, and his skill at combining satirical comedy with examinations of serious social issues, brought him huge popularity with domestic audiences, and respect

abroad. At the time of his death he had plans to make a film based on the 1995 nerve-gas attack on the Tokyo metro by the Aum Shinrikyo doomsday cultists, who killed a dozen

He leaves Nobuko Miyamoto, his widow, and their two sons.

#### Harold Geneen, former chairman of the American multinational corporation ITT, died in New York on November 21 aged 87. He was born

in Bournemouth on

January 22, 1910. HAROLD GENEEN beionged to the old school of outspoken, power-hungry and mercurial. In twenty years as chairman of ITT, he turned an unremarkable telecommunications company into a mas-

\$700 million to \$17 billion. Geneen was also the man at the helm when ITT was investigated for alleged tax abuses and influence peddling. He remained unrepentant throughout

sive multinational conglom-

erate, increasing its sales from

For Harold Geneen, the only line was the bottom line. The historian of ITT, Anthony Sampson, in his book The Sovereign State: The Secret History of ITT (1973), wrote that under Geneen's leadership the company became so powerful it was accountable to no nation, "held together literally by one man against whom nobody dared argue".

As for Geneen, "You read a book from beginning to end. You run a business the opposite way," he was fond of saying. "You start with the end and then you do everything you must to reach it." He once responded to accusations that he was an obsessive workaholic with the comment that he was "guilty as charged". Harold Sydney Geneen was

born in Bournemouth, the son of a Russian Jewish concert manager and an Italian moth er. The family left England before he was one year old, and he grew up in the United States. Working on the New York

Stock Exchange by day and studying accountancy at night, Geneen had a series of financial posts in New York. developing his unique man-



agement style, before joining ITT as chairman in 1959. At that time. International Telephone and Telegraph was a loose conglomeration of Caribbean telephone companies which had been formed in 1920. Geneen's first move as chairman was to remove autonomy from managers, making them answerable to a centralised committee.

Faced with the prospect of Latin American governments seeking to nationalise telecommunications companies, Geneen sold those interests and embarked on an aggressive acquisition programme within the United States. This he often did after little more than a 20-minute inspection of the company's accounts.
Throughout the 1960s and

1970s more than 250 companies were added to the ITT portfolio, including Avis Car Rental, Sheraton Hotels, and interests in cosmetics. lightbulbs, books and hardware. The only areas in which he refused to invest were computers, airlines and films. which he believed to be too

Not all of Geneen's takeover

attempts were successful. A bid for the American Broadcasting Company in 1966 was thwarted by the US Department of Justice, using antitrust laws. And in the 1970s Geneen's reputation was to take a battering as the company faced allegations of tax

had offered cash to the CIA to undermine the Allende regime in Chile, which was planning to nationalise ITT operations there. ITT also came under the scrutiny of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Watergate special prosecutor. the Federal Grand Jury and a Senate sub-committee on multinational corporations.

evasion and rumours that ITT

It was Geneen's autocratic management style that be-came the stuff of legend. Although he drew a comparatively modest salary of \$1 million per year and asked to be called Harold, he inspired fear both internally and on Wall Street. ITT management meetings chaired by Geneen took place on the last Monday of each month in Brussels, and ran for four days in a room where the curtains were alwavs drawn.

There Geneen subjected his managers to lengthy crossexaminations about profits and performance, and his blunt manner was said to make executives shake in terror. His motto was "I want no surprises," and he bullied his staff because, as he put it, "the worst disease which can afflict executives in their work is not alcoholism but egotism".

However, after a period of rapid expansion, ITT fell into decline in the late 1970s. largely because of allegations of financial impropriety and bribery. Geneen stood down as chief executive in 1977 and as chairman in 1979. Following his departure, ITT started to break up. In retirement Geneen continued to buy and sell on his own account.

"After I left, the company veered on to a new course, emphasising consolidation rather than growth. Often I have felt the stab of frustration and regret, wondering what might have been," he wrote in his last book. The Synergy Myth, which was published earlier this year. The book was his last chance to defend his own record and management style, while attacking modern corporate practices and concepts. He continued to champion the taking of calculated risks, worker empowerment, strong leadership and decisiveness.

own track record, he cast a critical eye over the 1990s' merger mania. Notwithstanding ITT's own growth through acquisition, he took to insisting that there was nothing to be gained from yoking together businesses with varying management styles and differing levels of competence. "If you mix beef broth,

Surprisingly, in view of his

lemon juice and flour, you don't get magic, you get a mess," was his parting shot to the current generation of corporate leaders. Geneen's first marriage

ended in divorce in 1946. He is survived by his second wife,

## Church news

Appointments

The Rev James Cox, curate, Chelmsley Wood St Andrew (Birmingham), to be team Vicar, Chelmsley Wood St Andrew (same diocese).

The Right David Evans, General Secretary, South American Mission Society, to be also honorary Assistant Bishop (Birmingham).

The Rev Jeanette Gosney. curate, Inswich St Margaret (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich). to be Chaplain, Loughborough University and Colleges (Leicester).

The Rev Gerald Hovenden, Team Vicar, Hempstead All Saints (Rochester), to be team Rector, Southborough St Peter with Christ Church and St Manhew (same diocese):

rate, Eastham (Chester), to be priest-in-charge, Taverham St Edmund with Ringland (Norwich).

The Rev Paul Kerr, curate. Gillingham St Mark (Rochester), to be Vicar, Rochester St Justus (same diocese).

The Rev Dr Richard Major. curate, Puney Common All Saints (Southwark), to be Chaplain, Florence St Mark (Europe).

The Rev Linda Potter, curate, Shildon St John with Eldon (Durham), to be priest-incharge, Castleside St John the Evangelist (same Diocese).

The Rev Dr David Rake, Vicar, Kenilworth St Nicholas (Coventry), to be priest-incharge, Tintagel St Materiana, and Bishop's adviser on The Rev David Jackson, cu-spiritual formation (Truro).

The Rev John Russell, curate, Newport Pagnell with Lathbury and Moulsoe (Oxford), to be priest-in-charge, Wing with Grove (same

diocese). The Rev James Scantlebury, Falmouth All Saints (Truro), to be Vicar, Harden St Saviour and Wilsden (Bradford).

The Rev Michael Sears, with permission to officiate (Birmingham), to be team Vicar, Solihull St Helen (same diocese). The Rev Geoffrey Smith. Vic-

ar, Harlow St Mary Magda-lene (Chelmsford), to be Rector, Woodford St Mary with St Philip and St James (same diocese) The Rev Andrew Spurr. curate, Stansted Mountlitchet

Vicar (same benefice). The Rev Michael Stagg, Rector, Sprowston with Beeston, and Rural Dean of Norwich North (Norwich), to be also Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral (same tiocese). The Rev Martin Stephenson team Rector, Clarendon Park,

Knighton St John the Baptist

with St Michael & All Angels (Leicester), to be priest-incharge, Hall Green St Peter (same diocese). The Rev Peter Stevens, Rector, Moreton (St Nicholas) and Woodsford with Tindleton (Salisbury), to be honorary curate. Hordle, with special

Andrew (Winchester). The Rev Malcolm Strange, Vicar. Newbury team (Oxford), to be Rector, Torridge with Birchanger and ford), to be Rector, To Farnham (Chelmsford), to be Estuary Team (Exeter).

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HOW THE CHRISTMAS TREE CAME TO THE ENGLISH COURT SOME PRE-VICTORIAN

OCCASIONS FROM A CORRESPONDENT Although Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort made Christmas trees popular in

England, it was not, as is generally supposed, the Prince who introduced them. Decorated trees were known at the Court of Queen Charlotte, German-born consort of King George III. In a biography of the Queen published in 1819, the year after her death, Dr. John Watkins records that she spent Christmas Day 1800 "in a very pleasing manner" at Queen's Lodge, Windsor, which stood opposite

the South Terrace of the Castle. "Sixty poor families had a substantial dinner given them; and in the evening the children of the principal families in the eighbourhood were invited to an entertainment at the Lodge. Here among other amusing objects for the gratification of the juvenile visitors, in the middle of the room stood an immense tub with a yew tree placed in it, from the branches of which hung bunches of sweetmeats, almonds and raisins

#### ON THIS DAY

December 21, 1958

The Christmas tree was an ancient German custom and not a Victorian introduction. It may have been a rem-

nant of the pageants of the Middle Ages. in papers, fruits and toys, most tastefully arranged, and the whole illuminated by small wax candles. After the company had walked round and admired the tree, each child

obtained a portion of the sweets which it bore, together with a toy, and then all returned home quite delighted. Christmas trees were reintroduced at Court by Queen Charlotte's daughter-in-law. Queen Adelaide, a princess of Saxe-Meiningen by birth. There were always trees at Oueen

Adelaide's Christmas parties. The memory of them was cherished by a child who was a guest every year: Mina Kennedy-Erskine, later

Countess of Munster, whose mother, Lady

Augusta, was a daughter of King William (V by Mrs Jordan. Mina herself was born in 1830, the year of the king's accession.

She adored her royal grandiather and his kind-hearted Queen, and when in old age she wrote "My Memories' recalled in affectionate detail those parties of her childhood. They were held every Christmas eve in the Dragon Room at Brighton Pavilion, where Queen Adelaide used always 'no prepare an enormous Christmas tree, which was lit up with tapers, while from the boughs were hung gilded fruits — apples, pears, walnuts &c. and innumerable gifts of value for her ladies and

for the guests young and old". The Christmas tree had meanwhile been introduced also by the Duchess of Kent, a Coburg princess, for her daughter's enjoyment. At Kensington Palace on Christmas Eve. 1832, the future Queen Victoria (aged 13) wrote in her journal: "We then went into the drawing room near the dining poon. After Mamma had rung a bell three times we went in There were two large round tables on which were placed two trees hung with lights and sugar ornaments. All the presents being placed

round the tree. I had one table for myself." Queen Victoria married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg & Gotha early in 1840. The Princess Royal was born in November. . . .

## THE TIMES TODAY

#### Blair takes charge of welfare reform

Tony Blair faced down the threat of a Cabinet mutiny over welfare reforms by taking charge himself. Rocked by David Blunkert's attack on proposals for cutting disability benefits, the Prime Minister staged an impromptu press conference at a football ground to declare that the system was not working and had to change.

He will now chair a new ministerial group on welfare reform, taking control of a process that had been headed by .. Pages 1, 4, 21

#### Oxbridge students face fees threat

Students at Oxford and Cambridge universities will have to pay fees of up to £4,000 a year under plans drawn up by college bursars to renounce £35 million in state support if a government review of their funding threatens the colleges' independence.

#### No idiing

Drivers who leave their engines idling at the kerb may be fined £20 under a range of new antismog laws... ... Page 1

#### God and mammon

A message from the Archbishop of Canterbury was broadcast to 216 Asda supermarkets as the "highlight" of a carol service held at the group's store in Gravesend. But at least one shop turned the sound down... . Page l

#### Church parade

More than 100 police were used to protect 200 Roman Catholic worshippers from three dozen Protestants in a Saturday night ritual in Harryville, Ballymena. The campaign of intimidation has cost the RUC £2 million ....

#### Killers escape

Bush bandits who ambushed and murdered a British couple in Mozambique have escaped from jail eight weeks after being given life sentences..... ....Page 3

#### Skegness rules

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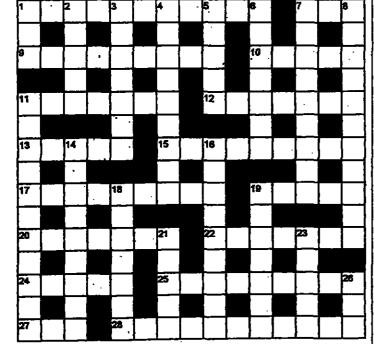
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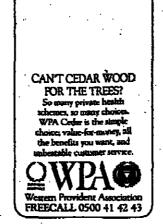
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## CHAMPIONS RIDE LUCK ON WAY TO UNDESERVED VICTORY



Striking difference: Cole wheels away in triumph after rounding off a sweeping United move by heading the only goal of the match from a pinpoint cross by Beckham. Photograph: Marc Aspland

# Cole extinguishes Newcastle

SOMEHOW, now that he is scoring freely again. Andy Cole has become the personification of everything that Newcastle United have lost. Yesterday, barracked and abused by the supporters that once worshipped him battered and bruised by the players he once ran with, the Manchester United striker gave Stanes Park a cruel reminder of past goies: when he condemned the home side to a morale-sapping defeat they hardly deserved.

Desiled twice by world-class saves from Peter Schmeichel, Newcastle kad more than countered the threat of their visitors until they were undone by Cole's powerful and accurate header midway through the second half. It was the first goal he had scored at the Geordie shrine since November 1994, a couple of months before Kevin Keegan shocked Tyneside by selling him to

United for E7 million.

The goal, Cole's sixteenth of the stateon, was the final confirmation of his recovery of the predatory form that made him such a cult hero in the North East. It began to erase the memory of the 5-0 drubbing United suffered there last season and took the charapions four points clear of the chasing pack at the top of the FA Carling Premiership, apparent proof of the old adage that the team that wins the title is the one that picks up points even when they do not ment

"I flaink we were very lucky today,"
Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said, "If it had not been for Gary Pallister and Peter Schmeichel we would have been beaten. It was a careless performance. We were continuously giving the ball away and Newcastle were very unfortunate. We placed better when we lost 50."

Newcastle were very unfortunate. We played better when we lost 5-0."
Kenny Dalglish, the Newcastle manager, was delighted with the commitment his team had shown, but said his enjoyment of the game had been spoilt by the antics of the United players. He singled out David Betkliam for play-acting and getting Alessandro. Pistone booked for an apparent lick to the United midfield-

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By OLIVER HOLT FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

er's face. "It was nowhere near his face," Dalglish said, "and that is not fair is it? It might improve his looks I suppose. The pictures do not lie, though, and if someone has done that, it will just have to be on their

There were seven bookings in a game that was bad-tempered at times but never really sank into genuine unpleasantness. It was atavistic, certainly, and Pearce and Batty, in particular, strove like men possessed, aggressive and unyielding, to try to

humble the team that is now 17 points clear of them in the race for the championship.

Keith Gillespie, too, seemed intent on making United pay for selling him to Newcastle as part of the deal that took Cole the other way and his early runs, coupled with the industry and control of Batty at the heart of midfield, left United looking as uncomfortable as they have at any time since Derby County ran them ragged for a 20-minute period at Pride Park earlier this season.

Pride Park earlier this season.

When John Barnes, a player not renowned for his tackles, dispossessed Nicky Butt, someone who is justly famous for his, midway through the first half, it was the clearest indication possible that this was a Newcastle side itching to prove its mettle. After 24 minutes, they seemed to have taken the lead when Barnes guided a cross from Pearce inside Schmeichel's post but the United goalkeeper somehow flung

HOW UNITED LEFT NEWCASTLE IN THEIR WAKE

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himself to his left and clawed the header away.

The first half was relentless. Every free kick was taken quickly, every tackle was full-blooded, every Newcastle attack was roared on by thousands of frantic voices. United weathered it all, though. Pallister was superb at the centre of defence, the rock on which the invention of Asprilla and Barnes always foundered.

Gradually, Newcastle began to allow United back into the game.

Hislop saved well from Cole after the United striker had escaped from Pearce for the first time and then Giggs struck a fierce right-foot volley dinning just over the crossbar.

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The second half continued in the same vein, Newcastle pressing but hindered by lack of attacking fire-power, United attempting what counter-attacks they could. Their goal came from one in the 68th minute. Giggs broke out from a Newcastle corner and slipped the ball to Phil Neville, who passed it to Scholes. Scholes laid it out to Beckham on the right wing and his cross eluded Barton and found Cole at the back post. His header, across Hislop, soon nestled in the bottom left-hand corner of the net.

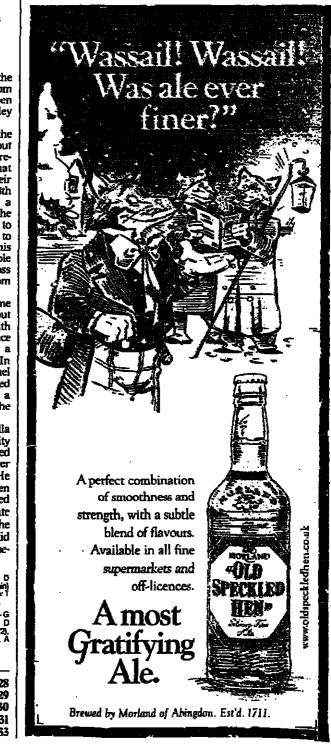
United could have put the game out of reach two minutes later but Hislop blocked Giggs's low shot with his knee. Scholes had another chance to seal victory but he sidefooted a cross from Giggs just over the bar. In the eightleth minute, Schmeichel repeated his heroics when he hurled himself through the air to turn a bullet header from Pearce round the

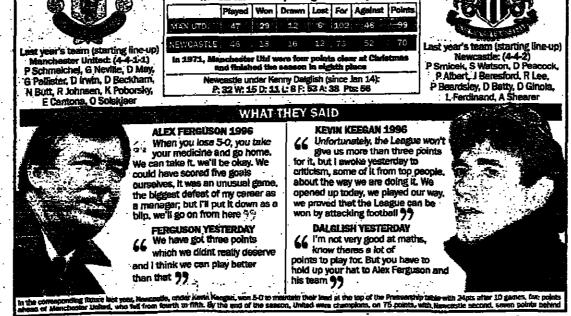
In the dying seconds, Asprilla wasted his team's best opportunity when he ran on to Batty's volleyed pass but lobbed his shot over Schmeichel and the crossbar. He held his head in his hands and when the final whistle went the United players rushed to congratulate Schmeichel. "His first save was in the excellent category," Ferguson said afterwards. "The second was unbelievable."

NEWCASTLE UNITED (3-5-1-1). S Histop — D Poscock, S Pearas, P Albert (sub. W Barton, 34min) — S Wetson, K Gilespe, D Bath, J Barnestord (sub. Y Ketsbara, 75), A Pestone — J Barnes — F Asprilla.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Schmerchel — G Novilla, G Palister, R Johnson, P Novilla — D Bescham, N Butt, P Scholes (sub. D G Solokjaer, 72), R Gggs — E Shernnyham (sub. B McClar, 84), A Cole

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BASKETBALL

#### Bears pay for their defensive weakness

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

THE dismay of missing out on a place in the Sainsbury's Classic Cola national cup final will stay with Birmingham Bullets until well into next year. But while there is still a Budweiser League title at stake and the possibility of progress in the Uni-Ball Trophy, the Bullets will not be feeling sorry for

Only three days after losing their cup semi-final to Thames Valley Tigers by a single point on aggregate, the Bullets were back in the winning groove on Saturday. Worthing Bears, rehabilitating after a mid-season financial drama, were the team to suffer. Even though a bruised retina continues to keep Tony Dorsey out, the Bullets were good value for a 102-87 victory that took them to the top for the first time this season.

The Bears paraded Greg Francis for the first time. Offensively, the American guard was excellent, contributing 31 points, including five three-pointers, but a lack of resolution in defence prevented his debut from being a total success. The Bullets exploited the weakness with both Nigel Lloyd and Reggie Kirk collecting 23 points for the visitors from the back court, one more than H.L. Coleman, who, in Dorsey's absence, has responded to the extra demands required of him under the boards.

Leading 46-36 at the interval, the Bullets made their decisive move in a 13-0 onslaught. The story was much the same at Wembley Court last night, when the Bears were overwhelmed 97-63 by the London Towers, whose second-quarter burst of 26-7 took them well clear. With Francis scoring only four points, his fellow newcomer. Joel Burns, assumed the scoring responsibility by adding to his 18 against the Bullets with another 20. Martin Gottfried (23 points) was top scorer for the Towers.

With a game in hand on the Towers, the Bullets are in a healthy position and it will be healthier still once Dorsey returns, probably against the Leopards on January 4.

is fading after their 107-99 defeat on Friday away to Thames Valley Tigers, who managed to repeat their cup quarter-finals success over the double-winners of last season. The Leopards made up 17 points to lead by three, yet still succumbed to their fifth

league reverse. It is not a record that dampens the spirits of the Leopards' joint-owner, Ed Simons. "We haven't relinquished out grip on the title yet." he said. "Any team in the top eight can beat any other team and I can see a club winning the title with as many as ten losses."

Leicester Riders, who are Thames Valley's cup final opponents in Sheffield on January 17, also maintained the good work, leaving the bottom club, Watford Royals, still without a league win.

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## BBC throws down World Cup gauntlet

THE BBC intends to televise all England and Scotland matches in the World Cup finals in France next summer, which will pitch the Corporation into an unprecedented head-to-head battle for view-

ers with ITV. Although the two terrestrialchannels are in gentlemanly negotiations, which were expected to lead to them alternating the group matches as they have in the past, the BBC is now determined to show that it remains a force to be reckoned with in football coverage. Like its presenter, Gary Lineker, the BBC is "no longer Mr Nice Guy.
The BBC is making the

decision because it knows that when it goes head-to-head with ITV it invariably attracts two thirds of the viewing audience. When England met West Germany in the 1990 World Cup semi-finals, 25.2 million watched the game, the largest audience in the history of British television. Some 16.7 million of that number were

tuned in to the BBC.

battle for viewers in France next year

John Goodbody reveals Corporation

plans to engage ITV in a head-on

BBC sources say that ITV will have the option of either stepping away from the six England and Scotland pool matches or suffering another series of defeats. The move by the BBC negotiators, Jonathan Martin,

controller of TV sport, and Niall Sloane, head of football, will revive the sagging morale of their team, including their leading presenter, Desmond Lynam, and the commentators, John Motson and Barry Davies, who have become increasingly frustrated at losing so much of the national game to Sky and IIV. The recent move of Brian

sport, to ITV was symptomatic of the malaise. Davies, who has reported every World Cup since 1970, said last week: "In the light of

Barwick, the BBC head of

all the football we've lost, this is a golden opportunity just to. remind people what we're capable of doing — and how well we can cover the sport.

"It would be a huge boost to

motivate a department which for years set the standard and which has been made to feel like the poor relations." This season, the BBC is showing none of the three domestic tournaments live, being restricted to Match of

Day highlights on

For the first time, ITV is screening the FA Cup Final live and exclusively, so ending 60 years of BBC coverage of the game's premier cup competition. Sky will screen around 200 matches live this season, including internationals. Premiership games and Football League fixtures.



ITV, which has increasingly Scotland and finishes on July had a policy of "cherry-picking"when covering sport, will planned action because it has

and ITV are both members of the European Broadcasting Union, which has the contibeen preparing sponsorship of its coverage of the World nental rights to the tourna-Cup, which begins on June 10 the two British

32-nation competition. In the past, they have alternated the pool games and have only gone into direct opposition later in the tournament, because it was felt viewers had so little in the way of alternatives. However, with the launch of Channel 5, there are now three other channels available to most of the public.

The BBC feels that, given the unprecedented interest in the event, it is entitled to show all the group matches, begin-ning with the game between Scotland and the defending

Unlike some previous tournaments, few of the games have the same kick-off times, which will allow many European television viewers to see most matches live. England have one afternoon and two evening kick-offs in their preliminary group, while Scot-land have two afternoon matches and one in the evening.

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**EQUESTRIANISM:** EUROPEAN CHAMPION ENJOYS LUCK OF THE DRAW TO COMPLETE THIRD VICTORY.

## Beerbaum scales new heights in Olympia mastery

By JENNY MACARTHUR Beerbaum asked for fence

No 1 to be raised, as he had

done in each round. "It was the easiest fence with the

heaviest, deepest cups," he said. It now stood at 5ft 7in - a

daunting size for a first fence

who had been specially aimed at this class "because he is

careful and scopey", according.

to Beerbaum, comfortably

negotiated it. Jumping effort-

lessly over the rest of the huge

course, Beerbaum punched

the air with delight at the

finish. "I felt sorry for Mich-

ael," he said. "My horse was

jumping very carefully but I needed the luck of the draw to

However, Sprehe Rush On.

by any standards.

LUDGER BEERBAUM, already the winner of the Volvo World Cup qualifier and the UPS Christmas Puissance, continued his domination of the Olympia showjumping championships yesterday when he and Sprehe Rush On won the Vink Christmas Masters after an exhilarating display of jumping in front of a capacity crowd of 6,500.

"It's unbelievable — things are going so well," Beerbaum,

the European champion, said after his victory, which added £15.500 to the £25,000 car he won with PS Priamos in the qualifier and the £3,700 with Alex in the puissance event.

The German's triumph came at the expense of Michael Whitaker, of Great Britain, on Virtual Village Ashley. He clear in the fourth and final jump-off when several of the six fences stood at 5ft 5in.

Under the rules of the winner-takes-all competition, each rider chooses one fence to be raised before his round. If he jumps clear, the prize-money goes up by £500, but if more than one is faultless in the final round, it is the last rider to jump clear who wins. Four horses reached the final jump-off. Whitaker, drawn first, completed a superb clear round with Ashley. who made light of the huge 5ft 5in wide oxer at fence No 2. When his older brother, John, on Virtual Village Grannusch, dropped out of contention at the double, followed by Willi Melliger, the Swiss Olympic silver medal-winner, who incurred four faults on Domina at ience No 4, only Beerbaum, the 1992 Olympic champion, stood between Michael Whit-

aker and £15,500.

There was little luck involved in the German's stylish win on Priamos in the World Cup qualifier on Saturday. Olympia, with nine out of the top ten riders in the world rankings competing, was always destined to be one of the hardest to win of the 16 qualifiers, and so it proved. On a different occasion, the

two superb rounds on Nuistra the runner-up, Peter narles, the former European champion, would have been good enough, but Beerbaum is in superb form and Charles's performance provided an add-

Nine went clear over Bob Ellis's acclaimed course in the opening round. Surprisingly, Geoff Billington, on It's Otto, who finished in third place, was the only Briton. John Whitaker, the bookmakers favourite, had four faults on

Virtual Village Grannusch, his top horse, Welham, having been kept out of the competition with a minor leg injury.

Of the other leading Britons, Michael Whitaker, on Two Step, hit the big spread fence at No 10. Nick Skelton retired on Virtual Village Zalza after incurring eight faults and Robert Smith, whose top horse, Tees Hanauer, is also injured, had 12 faults on

Senator For The Best. In the jump-off, Charles, meeting every fence on a. perfect stride on his outstanding young horse, set the standard with a clear round in 39.60sec, but Beerbaum, going - and riding Priamos with increased confidence after their win in the Berlin Grand Prix last month - cut nore than a second out Irishman's time.

'He has a big heart when against the clock." Beerbaum said of his 15-yearold horse, which he started riding 18 months ago.

Billington, the last to go, took John Whitaker's advice to "go carefully" to the wide oxer at sence No 2 too literally and, going wide to the fence, used up vital seconds. From then on I was always struggling," the ever-cheerful Billington

The disappointing performances mean that Smith, who was fifth in Brussels and Berlin and sixth in Amsterdam, remains the only Briton in the top 20 of the World Cup rankings, from which the top 19 qualify for the final in Helsinki in April. John Whitaker, who has qualified for every World Cup final except one since the competition started in 1979, is trailing in joint 55th place.



Beerbaum, the German who has been in superb form, in action yesterday

#### Royle is favourite for job at **Hawthorns**

**E POOTBALL:** Joe Royle has emerged as favourite to fill the vacant managerial position at West Bromwich Albion (Richard Hobson writes). The Nationwide League first division club are preparing to interview five candidates today and tomorrow with David Pleat, Bruce Rioch, Denis Smith and Wirn van Hanegem, the former Holland midfield player, also in contention. Although Van

Hanegem, an experienced coach in Holland, would represent the most imaginative choice, Royle, who left Everton by mutual consent last March, better meets the criteria laid down by Tony Hale, the Albion chairman. Royle was manager of the Oldham Athletic side that reached the top flight in 1991 despite working on limited resources.

#### Smith to decide

**SWIMMING:** Michelle Smith, the triple Olympic gold medal-winner from Ircland, will probably swim the 800 metres freestyle at the world championships in Perth, Australia, next month. Smith said that she would make a final decision after swimming the 100 metres freestyle at the grand prix meeting in Bordeaux today. After finishing second in the 200 metres individual medley in 2min 26.39sec yesterday. Smith said: "That wasn't as good as I hoped." She injured her neck in a car erash seven weeks ago.

## Parry power

■ **QOLF**: Craig Parry, of Australia, maintained his recent run of form when he won the Coolum Classic in Queensland yesterday. Parry went round in 70, 68, 71 and 67 for a 12-under-par total of 276 to beat Robert Allenby, his compatriot, by three strokes.

#### Sculthorpe bid

RUGBY LEAGUE: St Paul Sculthorpe, 20, the Great Britain forward, from 💥 Warrington in a £350,000 deal. The clubs have agreed a deal which involves cash and players.

#### Corbett's title

E SOXING: Darren Corbett retained his. Commonwealth cruiserweight title by the narrowest of margins on Saturday, outpointing Rob Norton, of Birmingham, 1182-118 at the Maysfield Leisure Centre, Belfast

#### Bolsum's treble

ATHLETICS: Liam Bolsum, of Dulwich College won the old boys' invitation cross-country race at Wimbledon Common for the third year running, in a record time of 26min

SAILING: WOMAN SWINGS HIGH ABOVE DECK LIKE A PENDULUM IN DRAMATIC RACE TO SYDNEY

## Man washed overboard in rough seas

THE Whithread Round the World Race fleet was yesterday "rock-hopping" up the southeast coast of Australia to an expected finish to leg three at Sydney today, after a rough passage through the Bass Strait, which saw a man overboard on Innovation Kvaerner and the all-women crew on EF Education coming close to losing their rig.
The drama on Kvaerner

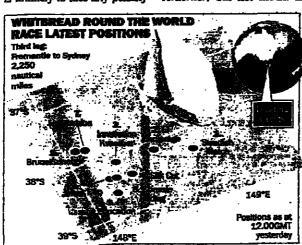
happened as the fleet finally came together with the northeramost boats and those to the south converging on the en-trance to the Strait on Saturday night. Kvaerner and Swedish Match were the only hoats to leave King Island to port, at the western entrance, where crews encountered a nasty swell.

Fearing for the safety of his weakened rig, as Kvaerner pounded upwind in about 24 knots of breeze, Knut Frostad. the skipper, ordered a sailchange at around midnight to slow the boat. Alby Pratt, an Australian sailmaker on board, was among those who went on the foredeck to hand the sail, but was washed overboard, forcing Frostad to drop all his canvas and turn the engine on.

Pratt, who had a strobe light on his foul weather tacket, was swiftly recovered unharmed. By EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT

The quick response from the crew and the practice we had done prior to the Whitbread made it possible to recover him in just seven minutes." Frostad reported. "We were all very happy to have Alby back on board - he was in good shape and he stayed calm during the whole manoeuvre.' Officials at race headquar-

ters confirmed that Kvaerner is unlikely to face any penalty



DISTANCE TO FINISH (at 12.00GMT yesterday, with males to Sydney): 1. Swedish Match (Swe) 307.5 miles; 2, EF Language (Swe) 311.4; 3, Innovation Kvaenner (Nor) 320; 4, Silk Cur (GS) 320.6; 5, Chassie Rading (US) 325.3; 6, Merit Cup (Monaco) 325.4; 7, Toshiba (US) 325.8; 8, BrunelSunergy (Holf) 327.8; 9, EF Education (Swe) 335.7.

for using her engine to recover the end, her southerly course

man overboard, which is towards the Strait paid off. allowed for in the sailing instructions. Frostad was rebringing her back to the fleet in the top three and, even after stopping briefly, she was still in third place behind Paul quired to return to the spot where he switched the engine Cayard, on EF Language, and Gunnar Krantz, on Swedish on before hoisting his sails again and to have resealed the engine controls and photo-Match. On the all-women boat, one graphed them to comply with crisis quickly developed into

another. Not far from where The incident delayed Kvaerner, but not much. In Frostad had got into difficulies, the women were getting lifted round the northen end o King Island. They were hard on the wind and had enough leverage to avoid a tack, which was just as well because had they done so, they would have brought their mast down. While tidying up the hal-yards after a sail change, Lisa Charles and Marieen Cleyndert spotted that the leeward checkstay and starboard runner had come off the mast and were being held aloft by nothing more than bungy cord. In rough conditions, with the boat slamming in a short sea, Leah Newbold was

> the deck - she lost her grip on the mast. Her skipper, Christine Guillou, said: She swung

> sent up the rig. As she was

being hauled up past the top

spreader - about 70ft above

into the rig a couple of times like a human pendulum, hanging completely upside down in her harness at one

Bruised and shaken, Newbold was retrieved and Bridget Suckling went up in her place to refasten the wayward terminals. The women lost several miles in the process and can rightly feel frustrated to be running last, eight miles behind BrunelSunergy, in eighth place at the end of an upwind leg, when they have given the lower-ranked male boats a real run for their

With 300 miles left to sail, the fleet was still tightly bunched as the crews encountered light airs inshore on their way to Sydney. Krantz, farthest offshore, was leading from Cayard, just 1.9 miles astern of him, with a gap of eight miles to Kvaerner in third place. Silk Cut, in fourth place, has come back from falling into sixth position overnight and is now only 0.6 miles behind Kwaerner, but with the field so tightly entangled, the podium places were still very much up for

The leader is expected to cross the line by Sydney Opera House this morning.

#### Whitelaw hoping for world glory as top Canadian

GREG RUSEDSKI eat your heart out (David Rhys Jones writes). The tennis-playing Canadian's well-documented transatiantic exchange has been emulated, in reverse, by a Zi-year-old Scot, George Whitelaw, who will represent Canada in the Saga world indoor bowls championships at Preston next month. Whitelaw, who lives in Stonehouse, near

Glasgow, won the Scottish outdoor singles championship in 1993, but failed to catch the eye of his national selectors and came up with an audacious and alternative plan.

Although he is a Scot through and through, he was born in Canada and possesses a Canadian passport - so be joined the Aurora bowls club in Ontario and entered the Canadian championship this winter. Most places go to provincial champions, but Lawn Bowls Canada keep six places for the

winners of an allcomers competition. Whitelaw duly earned his wild-card place, then emerged from a strong 32-person field last week to win the title. His reward was an automatic place at

Preston, where he will wear the colours of his adopted country, and will partner Noel Kennedy, of Hong Kong, in the pairs. If he survives his first round singles encounter with the No II seed, Rowan Brassey, of New Zealand, he could face his fellow Scot,

David Gourlay, the 1996 world champion, for a

place in the quarter-finals. Dan Wolfenden, the executive director of Lawn Bowls Canada, said: "George played it by our rules and is a worthy champion. He's a talented player who has won people around by his skill and demeanour."

#### Bryant rolls back the years to run his rivals close

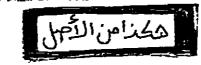
ALTHOUGH he was beaten 15-8 by Andy-Thomson in the semi-finals of the revived Saga International Masters at Thornaby yesterday.

David Bryant, of Clevedon, stole the show with a display that reminded spectators of the days when he was the sport's undisputed leading man (David Rhys Jones writes).

It is 15 years since the Masters was last played but, in the 1970s, when it was called the Teesside Masters, it was one of the biggest tournaments on the calendar. Bryant dominated the event for 12 years, winning it more often than not. Now 66 and playing strictly for fun, he showed that a good tune can indeed be played on an old fiddle, coming through his round robin with three wins in three matches.

That set Bryant up for a nostalgic encounter with Norma Shaw — whom he played many times in the 1970s and 1980s — who enjoys a similar reputation among women bowlers to his own in the men's game. Although Shaw, who won the world indoor singles title last April, has beaten most of the top male bowlers of her generation, she was never beat Bryant but here, out of the blue, was her chance. Shaw led 6-4 after five ends but Bryant tightened his grip, allowing her only three singles over the next ten ends as he piled up four singles, two

doubles and a treble to win, 15-9. Bryant dropped the first ten shots against
Thomson but replied defiantly with a fullhouse, before he gave best to the Anglo-Scot. In the final. Thomson was caught by Glenn Skipp. the local hope, at 12-12, but moved up a gear over the last two ends to win 15-12.



## Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent, finds a champion with cause for concern

## Hamed is forced to learn his lesson

away on two weeks' holiday in the United States, well deserved after his exertions outside the ring and in it to win recognition here. By the time he returns home to Sheffield, no doubt he will have got over the fright he received in his bout with Keyin Kelley, of New York, at Madison Square Garden on Friday, but it is to be hoped that he will not have forgotten the

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lessons learnt from that contest.

Never raind that he stopped Kelley in the fourth round, the fact that Hamed himself was dropped concern to himself and his backers:

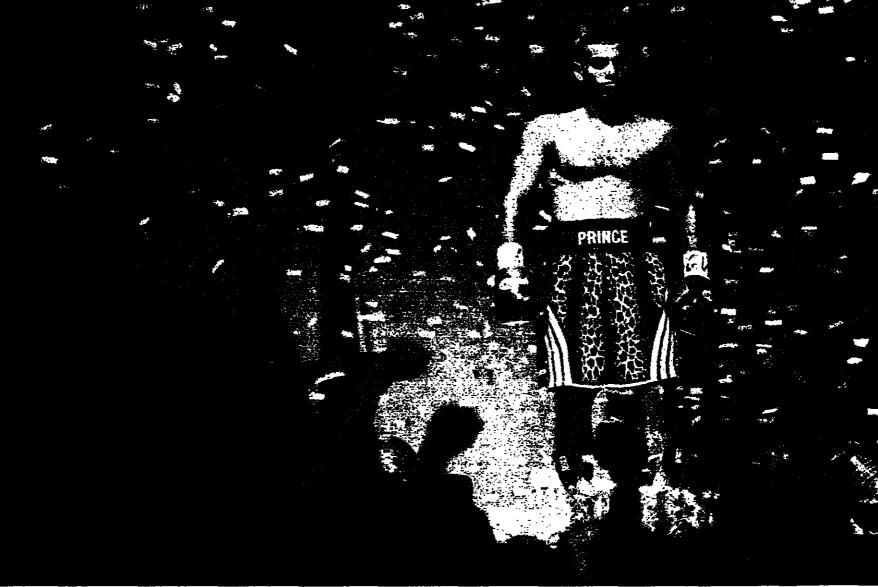
Yesterday, Hamed was a suitably chastened and wiser man as a result of that experience. His friends and admirers were not as aggressively upbeat as usual. They had suffered palpitations and were thankful that Hamed carried the punch to save their blushes and the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) featherweight title. There was little doubt that without that knockout punch he would have been heaten as he was being outboxed and outpunched by the 30-year-old former world champion.

It was refreshing to hear Hamed admit that his performance was not all that it should have been. "I deserved to be criticised for fighting the way I did," he said. "But you must admit it was exciting stuff and I actually enjoyed it. But I realise if I go on fighting like this I will get into trouble. I was disappointed with myself and getting hit the way I did. I must not let it happen again. I must remember to keep my head down and my hands up

"Surprisingly, I didn't feel as confident in the Garden as I thought I would have been. I had trouble with my entrance. I would have been much happier in Sheffield or London. At least I proved I have a good chin and the heart of a lion and give value for money.

"Despite what anyone says, I am still a winner. Kelley caught me with some terrific shots. I was shaken and stunned, but I was able to take his shots and he could not take mine. It was as simple as that."

Frank Warren, Hamed's promoter, after berating British boxing writers for criticising Hamed's flaws, admitted that the champion's performance had left him with his heart in his mouth. "We are doing 90 per cent of the right things as far as his career is concerned; ten per cent last night was him throwing it all out of the window. If square in front of people, of course



The Madison Square Garden crowd is in uproar as Hamed makes a ticker-tape entrance for the contest in a blaze of lights. Photograph: John Dunn

fight like that. He went in to trade and excite the crowd and threw caution to the winds."

Warren said that after the weighin Harned and Kelley had agreed not to run and to test each other's chins. It was Hamed's chin that first felt the pain. How undignified to find himself on the floor after the fanciful entrance. Hamed was down again in the second, but he decked Kelley. In the third, Hamed boxed on the retreat but once again touched the floor in the fourth before taking control and knocking

mance, two interpretations can be put on it. One, that Hamed was exposed as a flawed fighter and that his chin and boxing are not sound enough to see him through against quality opponents yet to come. If a 30-year-old former champion well past his best can prove too quick for Hamed and expose his deficiencies, what would he do with a young ambitious. fighter with a good chin? At the moment, the division is a weak one and there is little prospect of such a man emerging in the immediate

Pep (US)

Born: Sept 19, 1922

Arguello

Tables: WBA: feather

weight 1974-77; WBC:

his publicist would have you

The other view is quite the coposite that Harned proved he has a good chin and can get up and take control without getting flus-tered. The performance should be seen as an aberration. His heart and punching power is enough to establish him as one of the world's leading boxers.

The New York papers were generally kind to Harned but did not give him critical acclaim. One or two did comment that he still has ... I shouldn't think he is going to Hamed's disappointing perfor- future does not look bright as The Daily News said: "He came in fighters going down and getting to enjoy it while it's here."

(US)

Nelson

(Ghana)

Titles: WBC: teather

weight champ 1984-

88; super-leatherweight champ 1988-94, 1995

Born: July 19, 1958

like Kid Confetti and fought like Kid Counterfeit, Prince? Naseem Hamed was on his way to being as succesful as George III in this country. He won but he did not conquer." The Daily Post said: "He's no Willie Pep," and reported Kelley as saying: "I've got to tell you he's no Roy Jones."

Pep, one of the greatest featherweights of all time, watched the bout in his home in Connecticut. He said Hamed was too easy to hit, a fault he had to correct if he wants to progress. "He's got a good punch up." But Pep, who had 242 contests and won 230 of them before being given his status of greatness, added: "Really he should not be getting hit like that, that's how six-round fighters fight." Larry Merchant, the HBO com-

mentator, was more positive. "I didn't think Hamed was seriously hurt and was off balance much of the time. Sometimes the arrogance of youth finds itself sitting on the canvas but when he got right back up again and did his stuff, it showed he's a real fighter. What

I find myself leaning towards the second interpretation of the contest. Harned should be given a chance to put the performance behind him. He can do it, providing he does not tighten up his boxing but loosens it up and moves back to his own distinctive style.

Hamed's chin did cause some concern but he should be able to keep it out of harm's way if he stops trying to box and goes back to the Brendan Ingle school of boxing Herol Graham, who also had the same style as Hamed, got himself into trouble trying to box and fight but when he went back to what Ingle had taught him he was on

top.
That long, spearing jab that
Hamed throws from afar would almost certainly see him through in a bout with Arturo Gatti, the tough Canadian. If he boxes Gatti in the traditional manner, Hamed will get knocked out. That contest has yet to be arranged. And it could take place during Wimbledon fortnight in London. A win over Gatti would certainly put Harned on the road to recognition.

n the meantime, it would be to Hamed's credit and advantage, certainly when in the United States to stop comparing himself with great men such as Muhammad Ali and Pep, Sandy Saddler and Henry Armstrong. Hamed's new-found knowledge about the frailties of his central nervous system could help him to realise that, before reaching the status of the greats, he must match up to the achievements of lesser champions like Salvador Sanchez, Alex Arguello, Azumah Nelson, Wilfredo Gomez, Eusebio Pedroza. From the point of view of

entertainment and excitement, Hamed was an unqualified success. The Garden has not seen such a night for a long time. It was the highest grossing featherweight contest, taking \$800,000 (about £500,000) from more than 11,000 people at the gate. Among the celebrities were the film stars Pierce Brosnan, Hugh Grant, Liam Neeson and Daniel Day-Lewis, As Merchant said: "People will be talking about this fight for a long time. Hamed's zany antics and high-wire act without a net makes him exciting to watch."

Harned has brought the lighter divisions into focus and, just as Ali was responsible for bringing big purses to the heavyweight division, so Hamed can be thanked by his opponents for paydays that can Whatever the reason for aspirations to be a great fighter, the claim he is destined to be a legend. what the public want. To see tell, but this is his time, we have got tees the 23-year-old from Sheffield a place in the history books.



Hamed is able to smile again after flooring Kelley

#### SIX OF THE BEST: HOW THE PRINCE COMPARES WITH THE KINGS



One of the greatest. Considered the best pure boxer of all time. Very difficult to hit. Had four classic encounters with Sandy Saddler at Madison Square Garden in 1948 and 1949, Yankee Stadium in 1950, Polo Grounds in 1951.

One of the most polished performers of the division, this Nicaraguan boxed with a beautiful upright style, and had an array of straight punches that could find the target

singly or in clusters. A gentleman in the ring and outside it.

Saddler won first, third and fourth.



Arch-rival of Willie Pep. At 5ft 8½ in, Saddler was tall for a featherweight and combined his physical advantages with fierce hitting power. Renowned for his grasp of the dirtier aspects of boxing. He retired in 1957 while still champion after sustaining injuries in a car crash.

The resilient, ageless African has proved himself a warrior through and through. A stalking type of fighter, slow but relentless, who

could cut down the ring effectively. A big puncher with both hands, but particularly



forward-moving Tough, uncompromising, forward-moving boxer, who allowed opponents little respite. the top. Knocked out by Azumah Nelson in II rounds in 1984, but came back to win his third title at a different weight a year later.

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Born: Oct 29, 1956 Titles: WBC: super-

weight 1977-83. featherreather-weight 1984; WBA: ju-nior-lightweight 1985-86

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Hamed

Tide: WBO:

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Can box southpaw or orthodox. Claims to be able to box in five different ways. Difficult to hit because of excellent reflexes, can hit from any angle going back or forward. Considered by some to be the hardest puncher, pound-for-



The champion is rocked by Kelley in the second round

SKIING: AUSTRIAN SURVIVES STEEP AND DAMAGED COURSE TO RECORD SECOND WORLD CUP VICTORY OF HIS CAREER

## Mayer plays game of risk

ITTOOK a four-year wait and a let of hard work for Christian Mayer to win in the World Cup giant slalom at Alta Badia in Italy yesterday. The 25-year-old skier had to handle a damaged, tricky course, defeat a world champion and hold off the strongest squad on the men's circuit -

his Austria team-mates. Mayer recorded the fastest time in the first run and took all the risks in the second, down the steep Gran Risa course, to achieve the second World Cup victory in his career. His only previous triumph was in a giant slalom at Valutisere in 1993.

Mayer beat the world giant slakon, champion, Michael von Grunigen, of Switzerland, by 0.43 seconds as he led an impressive showing of Austrian skeets, who mok seven of the top eight places. The BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

Austrians also swept the five top places in a World Cup downhill at Beaver Creek last month.

Mayer was the last of 30 second-run starters, in reverse order of the first-heat finishers, and competed on a deteri-

orating course marred by bumps, holes and some parts

of soft snow. He nearly missed a gate in the upper part of the track, made some acrobatics to make the next part and completed the race in the combined time of 2min 20.97sec.

"I risked everything." he said. "I knew I could go out but I still pushed hard."

Von Grünigen, who had two wins in the three previous giant slaloms, came second in 2:21.40. The Austrian rising star, Hermann Maier, came third and strengthened his lead in the World Cup standings with a total of 489 points after ten races. "I never found the proper rhythm," he said.

Alberto Tomba, of Italy. who had climbed to sixth place in the first run after starting as No 19, lost his balance, straddled a gate and fell midway through the second run. His failure disappointed the home crowd, dreaming of his first giant slalom victory since

The losers yesterday, including Tomba, have a quick opportunity for revenge in the sialom at Madonna di Campiglio today, the last World Cup race before the Christmas holiday.



Mayer recording the fastest time on the first run before his acrobatics and daring on the second sealed his victory over Von Grünigen in the giant slalom yesterday

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#### Leeds look to reserves as booking tally rises



LEEDS UNITED 2 **BOLTON WANDERERS 0** By Richard Hobson

IN A quiet corner outside the players' lounge, Robert Molenaar spoke of the way Leeds United embrace the passing game. He explained how Eddie Gray, the coach, encouraged him to hone his skills in training. Such aesthetics seemed strangely out of place after such a joyless contest — but then Molenaar was talking about the reserve side.

The "second team", as Molenaar called them, sit atop the Pontin's League, rather confirming the feeling that Howard Wilkinson bequeathed to George Graham, his successor as manager, some of the country's most promising teenagers. For the present, the senior side is characterised by more

The fine goals by Ribeiro and Hasselbaink were out of context with the general mediocrity and tedium but they took Leeds's total for the season to 28, to equal the return for the entire 1996-97 campaign. Progress, indeed.

Just as pertinent is the statistic that Leeds have conceded more than 30 per cent more fouls than any other side in the Premiership. Bookings now total 46 after Robertson. Wetherall, Hasselbaink and Hopkin had their names taken here. Suspensions will soon begin to bite, for although Molenaar proved an adequate replacement for Radebe, the cover in other areas remains largely untested.

Graham insisted again that Leeds are not a dirty side. "Many of the bookings were just silly," he said. This will become a familiar mantra. Three times in the first half players went eyeball-to-cyeball with their opponents and, while there was no suggestion of malice, then some challenges were belated to say the least. Fewer 50-50 situations would arise if Leeds passed more accurately, although Bolton Wanderers, who also had four players booked, were little

It is small wonder that Graham should describe himself as day ensured that Leeds reach the halfway stage of the season in fourth place in the FA Carling Premiership. "We are much higher than I expected. We are progress-

ing nicely," Graham said. Molenaar added: "One of the basics of the game is to work hard and compete and if the ball is there to be won then make sure you win it Any team that comes to Filand Road will try the same, but are they better at it than us? That is the question." The answer, emphatical-

ly, is "no". To talk of the table offering a misleading impression so far into a season is, well, misleading. Equally, there are certain clubs where potential is more obviously unrealised, and Leeds are not one of those. "It is not realistic to think we can win the championship," Molenaar said, "We have been lucky a few times and there will be games where that luck does not go

Had Blake not directed a free header from eight yards so close to Martyn in the 48th minute then Bolton might have left with at least a point. As it was, Ribeiro beat Ward from 30 yards with a thumping volley after 67 minutes and Hasselbaink, having turned Fairclough, curled a shot inside the far post with nine minutes remain-

"Leeds are very physical, and why not?" Jamie Pollock, the Bolton midfield player, said. They are fourth in the league and they haven't got there without playing that type of game and working hard. I don't feel they overstepped the mark. They got stuck in and we got stuck in. There were some harsh challenges, but that's English football.

"We felt they had run out of ideas and then came the killer blow. But they are not in the same class as Manchester United and Chelsea yet. Teams coming here will think they have a chance." They will also leave nursing bruises.

LEEDS UNITED (4-4-2) N Martyn — G Hafle, D Wertherall, R Molemaar, D Robertson — G Kelly, A1 Haaland, D Hopkin (sab: L Bower, 78mm), B Ribero — J F Hasselbark, R Wellace BOLTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): G Ward — G Bergason, C Fairclough, A Todd, J Philips — M Johansen (sub F Cerr, 75), J Politock, P Francisen, S Sellars — P Beard Sey, N Blake

## Frenchman repays faith of his newly found best friend

# Flamboyant Ginola imposes a luxury tax on Barnsley





**TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 3** BARNSLEY 0 -

By Matt Dickinson

THERE are some things to which it appears impossible to remain dispassionate, which inspire tov-ing and loathing in seemingly equal and extreme, measure. The Spice Girls, the Teletubbies and Manchester United are undoubtedly three. David Ginola, without question, is another.

Gifted genius or lazy luxury? With Tottenham Hotspur's mavcrick star you pay your money and you take your choice, and Saturday provided more fuel for the debate summed up on Match of the Day recently, when Des Lynam claimed that he would pick ll Ginolas and Alan Hansen, ever the sceptic, said he would not even

bother with one.

That the Francophiles won this battle is beyond doubt, Ginola scoring two goals and orchestrating the victory that kept Tottenham off the foot of the FA Carling

His detractors, however, will point to the moments of self-indulgence, the occasional theatrical dives and, as one wag put it, his attempt on the world back-heel record in the final minutes, arguing that while this was a good day, the Spurs fans will have to suffer as many that are bad.

There are few doubters among the Tottenham supporters at present, however, and it is a faith that appears to be shared by the first casualty of Christian Gross's spartan regime, even though he had been the club's best performer in the opening weeks of the season, Ginola has instead turned out to be the new coach's touchstone.

Like Faustino Asprilla and Kenny Dalglish at Newcastle. Ginola and Gross appear to have fallen for each other against all expectations, an attraction of opposites or ience.

Ginola, though, claimed that it is the real thing. "I saw that people were trying to put pressure on us from the start, saying that my way of training or feelings about foot-ball were different from him," he said. "But my relationship with Christian has been good from the



same as most of the teams over Europe, from France to Spain to Italy. It is normal to spend a couple of afternoons and work on other aspects of your game. I am

"You have to realise that foot-With the training, it is just the ball is my life. It gives me every-

thing else. I would not have the game, I went out and saw all the adverts on TV, say, if I was not a footballer first. I love the game, I love to win and I am always confident. The only moment when I'm not is when I am injured or away from the pitch. That is what

I said to Christian before the

people in the stand, the ball and the grass and I said what a fantastic job it is that we do."

It was a poetic response to match what had gone before, Ginola at the heart of everything that was good about this Spurs

second for man of the game with his perpetual motion, but it was the Frenchman who, in his own inimitably arrogant way, caught

He was aided by a performance from Barusley that, for the first half an hour at least, was as bad as anything they have produced this season. Yes, that bad. For the first goal after five minutes, the back three moved out with all the syncronicity of a group of office staff staggering from the firm's Christmas party, leaving Nielsen onside

for a simple finish. It was 2-0 after 12 minutes when Ginola's shot from the edge of the area crept under Leese's body, and those who had turned up hoping to revel in Spurs' misfortune were ling for the exits soon after, when Ginola scored his second with his head. It was a feat that, thanks to a pre-match bet, earned

'Football is my life, I love the game; what a fantastic job it is that we do'

him a bottle of vintage champagne.

from his manager.

It would be dangerous to drawlong term conclusions from either Tottenham's or Ginola's performance after a match when Barnsley were simply happy to lose by three. The pressing style that Gross is encouraging, with the likes of Fox, Ginola and Sinton told to defend from the front, is taking shape but it needs to be put to the test. Barnsley hardly even

We didn't deserve to take anything from the game," Danny Wilson, the Barnsley manager, said. Twe got to believe that we can stay up, but not playing like that. After three quick goals like that, obviously it is in the back of your mind you could get another big defeat, but I think Sours took their foot off the pedal. They like they did in the first half. But we shot ourselves in the foot."

WE SHOT DUTSELVES IN THE TOOK.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-42): I Walker — S.
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88), L. Ferdinand (sub: S. Nersen, 45).

BARNSLEY (3-5-22): L. Lessie — A. de. Zeeuw, P.
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Apoleby — A. Ward, A. Liddelf (sub: G. Histov, 67).

Reference M. Reed.

Even so, the Liverpool support-

ers were highly critical of him

during this match because he had,

by his own standards, a poor game,

missing perhaps two decent chances. What they should remem-

ber is that Fowler is negotiating a

new contract and is sensitive

enough to be influenced by such

fickleness. Strachan recognises his talent. When asked about Owen, he

preferred to dwell on the threat of

Fowler and how his side nullified

him. It was one of the few features

match Liverpool's quality, but they

did not listen or take in what I said

to them," Strachan said. "We are

going home with regrets and that is

the worst thing that can happen to a professional footballer. Give

everything and get beat, sure, but never regret not having a go."

Coventry still had their mo-

ments. Hall volleyed over from

close range and Boateng, who was

making his first appearance, shot

straight at James when well-

placed. They did not deserve a

draw, but the fact that they almost

achieved it was as pertinent as the

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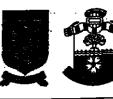
programme.

"My players cannot hope to

of the game that pleased him.

Lynne Truss, page 33

#### Chastened 4 Villa lose their way in the fog



**ASTON VILLA 1** SOUTHAMPTON 1 By Simon Wilde

ON THIS evidence, one can only hope that Aston Villa go on to win' the Uefa Cup, because they are going nowhere in the FA Carling Premiership. Villa Park may be a fortress in Europe, and Savo Milosevic the man with the golden touch against foreign opposition. but domestically it is a different

Southampton, who have an atrocious away record, showed them-selves well-organised in defence, coolly confident and perfectly willing to try to kidnap all three points if the opportunities arose in a scrappy but eventful game.

David Jones, their manager.

may not have been entirely serious when he called it an injustice that { Matthew Le Tissier's late and swiftly taken free kick (clearly from' the wrong place) was disallowed by David Elleray, but his protesta-tions summed up his team's churzpah. With only an ounce or two of ` luck, they would have won.

Le Tissier was a constant problem to Villa, his skill and vision seemingly getting sharper the denser the swirling fog became in the last quarter. He was easily the most perceptive and inventive player on the field, throwing into stark contrast the performances of Stan 'Collymore and Milosevic, who had ' scored the decisive goal against Steaua Bucharest when Villa were

last at home 11 days earlier. Perhaps if this had been Atlético Madrid, Milosevic would have buried the three or four giftwrapped chances that came his way, rather than apparently brooding about Villa's unreasonable threat (as he sees it) to keep him to the optional extra year in his

He will rue his profligacy in not doing more with the underhit backpass from Lundekvam on to which he pounced in the tenth minute, or ' drilling home crosses he received. in space and close to goal, from Collymore and Charles, But at least he had the nous to take up positions. he is paid to find; for most of the match. Collymore was nowhere to be seen, though this did not stop the crowd from seeking him out and giving vent to their displea-

Collymore's best, and virtually only, chance came shortly after half-time when the hard-working Charles located him on the edge of the Southampton penalty area, but his wild miscue over the bar was symptomatic of his recent misfortune.

Neverthéless, afterwards he professed himself to be as happy as at any stage of his career: if only people would stop criticising him. he seemed to imply, soon every-thing would be all right.

Both he and Milosevic would have given their right foot to have shown Taylor's admirably clinical finish in the 65th minute that gave Villa their short-lived lead. With a deft touch, Taylor took the pace off. the busy Draper's drilled cross from the right before driving the ball past Paul Jones's left hand, all in three tidy steps.

Staunton, the man who set up Milosevic's goal against Steaua, also found fate treating him very differently. It was his mistake that allowed Southampton to draw level within eight minutes, when a hoof upfield by their goalkeeper misled him into back-pedalling furiously but futilely. The ball sailed over his head and into the grateful path of the unmarked Ostenstad, who had no trouble finding a way past

Staumton, too, brought down? Palmer — who was at the heart of? Southampton's strategy — with a desperate tackle from behind that led directly to Le Tissier's controversial free kick. The referee said it was in the wrong place but he has only moved the ball about a yard. Jones said. "I did not see any of" their players complaining."

Though the referee's decision saved him from further mishan. Staunton left the field a chastened man. Perhaps God is an accountant who likes to balance his books



to stare mistyeved into the nast at Antield. On the front of the match Saturday there was Bill Shankly in his familiar messianic pose,

reminding the club of its glorious yesterdays. Liver-

By David Maddock SPORTSORS have commissioned a statue of the great man and placed it right outside the Kop. It is a long-overdue tribute, but its timing stinks. It is not the past that Liverpool need to punder but the immediate future.

They need to win the champion-ship, not just for their own sake but also for the sake of a healthy FA Carling Premiership, in which Manchester United are exerting a Stalinist grip. Even Alex Ferguson would concede that his side needs authentic domestic competition, although Liverpool would hardly be his choice of rivals. It is not going to happen this season. Liverpool are a lovely side, oozing class and crearivity, but they are simply not ruthless enough to brazen it out at

the head of the league. Shankly had one great maxim: that to win the title, his side must steal points they had no right to Against Coventry City, Liverpool almost failed to win a match they should have strolled. Gordon Strachan, the Coventry manager. conceded that his side is a lightyear behind Liverpool in terms of



LIVERPOOL 1

COVENTRY CITY 0

with a chance. Liverpool have forgotton how to finish off weaker opposition and Roy Evans, the manager, hinted

at his frustration. "We just got ner-vous," he said. We played well for 20 minutes, and then ... I don't know, I can't fault their attitude, but after that start I would have liked to have

won it more easily. They did start well enough. With McManaman yet again a threat on the right they created chances for Fowler and Redknapp before the latter produced a wonderful ball, matched by an equally intelligent cross from McManaman, that allowed Michael Owen the simplest of goals at the far post.

From then, Liverpool flowed forward sweetly without ever suggesting that they could emulate the efficiency of the teams of the past. That, now, is the preserve of their rivals from down the East Lancs

If the present looks decidedly uninspiring, what about the future? That, in the form of Owen, appears a little more encouraging. This young man has only just turned 18 and yet here is a footballer of implausible maturity. What can Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, have been thinking of when he criticised Owen for his



Owen, left, the Liverpool match-winner, takes on Nilsson

alleged waywardness on and off the field last week? Owen's conduct marks him out as a model professional. "I didn't see any difficulties from him on the pitch, I never have," Evans said.

Owen, though, is not yet the finished article, as fast as the bandwagon that is propelling him is travelling. He missed two chances, one in the first half and

one in the second, that should have been taken and his awareness is still limited. It may be churlish to say so of a player so young, but it brings us neatly back to the

Robbie Fowler is Liverpool's present, and the club's supporters should remember it. Here is a young man who has scored 30 goals in each full season he has DTOGRATHING.

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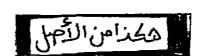
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## Demolition of Wednesday highlights championship potential of maturing side

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# Gullit brewing special Chelsea vintage



SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 1. CHELSEA 4

By Rob Hughes

A WHOLE Chelsea generation has been unable to raise a glass at Christmas to a true blue challenge for the championship. This year is different ten goals in two away games, invention flowing from every pore, make Rund's Blues the finest collection since Chelsea were the champions in 1955.

Still there is Manchester United ahead. There is the reality that while Chelsea might easily have doubled their four goals at Hillsborough on Saturday, the opposition was without class, without ambition, without order. The pings Lane end knew it. "Are you Tottenham in disguise?" they teased at Sheffield Wednesday's

A good question. Ron Atkinson. hired to be the Messiah, now knows the feeble spirit among Wednesday players that cost David Pleat his job as manager last month. Performance?" Atkinson asked rhetorically. What performance? Chelsea will have come expecting a high-tempo game. They didn't get one, they'll have had harder practice sessions. We didn't compete, you don't want to see professionals perform like that." Professionals, we might ask?

What professionals? Those in Wednesday colours displayed neither pride nor the commitment to work as Leicester City, Wimbledon, even Barnsley do to make up for technical deficiency. There is a league within a league these days, but the very least that Wednesdayites were entitled to expect was the courage to make a better fist of inequality.

Ruud Gullit, the Cheisea manager, and Graham Rix, the coach, are blending talents from three continents and, week by week, the



Vialli, the scorer of Chelsea's second goal, bursts between Newsome, left, and Nolan, the Sheffield Wednesday defenders. Photograph: Ross Kinnaird/Allsport

fluency flows. Yet one feels that Manchester United remain ahead, a combination of technique worthy of Chelsea and the work ethic of Blackburn Rovers.

United, for example, would have put Wednesday to the sword much sooner. Zola missed a glaring chance after two minutes and was a less ebullient, less elusive front-

runner than a year ago. Or maybe he, and Chelsea, have the Christmas glut of fixtures in mind and seek to spread their energy.

"It's like boxing." Gullit said.
"You wait to see what the other team has, what their tactics are. and you react to that. It's important to stay involved [in the champion-

message this result sends. I'm very satisfied also that everyone in this team can score goals because if you depend on one you are very vulner-able — and we still have internationals to come back." He has in mind Babayaro, Poyet, Kharine and Mark Hughes.

Wednesday have only the susship), and I'm pleased with the pended captain, Atherton, a leader

of dogged athleticism, to return. In his absence, they wrong-footed Stefanovic at left back. A reasonable libero, Stefanovic lacks the pace or awareness to track runners and Chelsea soon exploited this imbalance. Petrescu slipped infield on the right, dragging his marker, Pembridge, with him, and Sinclair,

with no one to tackle, was fed a succession of inviting passes down that touchline. Alas, Sinclair is not on the wavelength of some of his continental cousins and his poor touch squandered good possession.

Di Matteo is another matter. Marshalling midfield even more than Wise, running off the ball for Leboeul's perceptive long ball,

Matteo had the pulse of the play. Wednesday deem Di Canio and Carbone one Italian too many for the FA Carling Premiership and preferred Di Canio at the start. How instructive it was to see this mercurial man so discouraged when Di Matteo, reading his mind, got back to intercept his pass. Thereafter, Di Canio was noticeable principally for his white boots.

Chelsea, however, had three Italians, Vialli running like a man possessed with working off excess energy though he, like Zola, missed a sitter. Yet Vialli never hides. His run set up Petrescu for the first goal, a ciever, calm placement from outside the penalty box after 30 minutes. Vialli then poached the second, stepping in front of the inert Pressman to head in Zola's 57th-minute corner, and Vialli's strength, persistence and timely fall wrought a penalty, thumped home by Leboeuf seven minutes later. "That looked the least of their three shouts for pens." Atkinson said. Nolan had Vialli by the shirt, the shorts and kicked his leg.

Briefly, Wednesday's day was illuminated when Carbone, a substitute for Di Canio and showing greater perseverance, showed that pressure. The ball was dabbed clear but guided with stunning brilliance into the net from 20 yards by Pembridge. That goal tran-scended Wednesday's surrender, but the flow, and Tore Andre Flo. came back for Chelsea.

With control belying his height. Fio made one devastating burst past Walker and Newsome. Then he advanced again and, using Nicholls and Di Matteo as decoys, the Norwegian studiously defeated Pressman first bounce from 23 yards. Flo will be pressed to make an appearance with Zola and Vialli in contention on Boxing Day. The riches are Gullit's to juggle; the goals already delivered have given indigestion.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2) K Pressman — I Nolan, J Newsome, D Walter, D Stetanowc — G Whitingham (subc N Alexandersson, Shriin), W Collins (sub: G Hyde, Sh), P Rudi, M Pembridge — P Di Canio (sub: B Carbone, 67), A Booth. CHELSEA (4-4-2): E de Goey — F Sıncları (sub: S Carke, 75), M Duberry, F Leboeud, G Le Saux — D Petrescu, D Wise, R Di Malteo, M Nicholis — G Zola (sub: T A Flo, 67), G Vialli Ratenase.

## Blackburn's authority grows in pursuit of United



taking his protests too far

minutes into the second half on Saturday. It was a coded message signalling the end of a brief security alert, but, with Blackburn two goals up against the team with the worst recent away record in the FA Carling Premiership, it was also an apt comment on the state of the match.

When Gerald Ashby, the referee, turned his back on strong West Ham United claims for a penalty soon afterwards, and then dismissed Steve Lomas for taking his protests too far, it only confirmed the outcome, the victory taking Blackburn to within a point of Manchester United, the leaders.

Roy Hodgson, the Blackburn manager, was pleased with a performance that had grown in authority after a slow start. Missing the heading power of the suspended Chris Sutton, he select-

"OPERATION Ewood Park com-plete," the Blackburn Rovers pub-lic address system announced ten Gallacher and it worked to perfection. Duff scoring twice and having a foot in most of the game's best moments. "We tried something a little different," Hodgson said. "We knew the big West Ham defenders would dominate in the air, but it was nice to see that we could cause them so many problems with our move-

ment. I don't think they quite knew how to deal with it." After 21 minutes Rio Ferdinand dealt with Duff by obstructing him; from the free kick, Sherwood's cross found Stuart Ripley unmarked to head his first goal for 44 months; no big defenders dominating there. Gallacher should have doubled the advantage with the last kick of the first half, but only five minutes into the second Impey's misplaced header presented the ball to Duff, who



**BLACKBURN ROVERS 3** WEST HAM UNITED 0 By Nick Szczepanik

Against visitors who never looked as if they expected to avoid an eighth successive away defeat. Rovers had barely had to extend themselves to take a decisive lead, as Harry Redknapp, the West Harn manager, admitted. "Scandalous goals, terrible defending: Christmas, isn't it? I think I'm going to have to change the system. Away from home, when we haven't got the ball, it gives too

many easy options for people not converting from close range after

'penalty" that was not awarded when Kitson appeared to be tripped by Hendry, but fatalistic on the sending-off that was inevitable when Lomas barged the referee. "If that's not a penalty I'll pack the job in." he said. "He Lomas wanted to make a point and he overreacted; we ended up getting doubly punished. It was

game over." "It looked like a penalty," Hodgson admitted. The players tell me it clearly wasn't and they don't normally lie directly to my face. On the bench you always fear the worst." The worst not forthcoming. Rovers threatened to run riot. McKinlay, in particular, would have richly deserved to see his 30-yard shot find the top corner of the net instead of the goalkeeper's fingertips, but Blackburn scored only once more, Duff

Ripley's run and low cross had Redknapp was adamant about caused chaos in front of Forrest. "What pleased me most today was that the controlled aggression

we showed last week at Arsenal was there again." Hodgson said. A disappointment for Blackburn must have been a crowd of only 21.653, well below an average that is down on that of last season. The Blackburn public may not believe in the team, but whoever

chooses the music for that Ewood

Park PA system clearly does, signing off with Simply the Best. Better than all the rest? Many at Old Trafford and Stamford Bridge might disagree; but certainly too good for West Ham. BLACKBURN HOVERS (4-4-1:1) T Flowers — J
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— K Gallacher (sub: J Beattle, 83)
WEST HAM UNITED [3-4-1-2) C Forrest — )
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Lomas, F Lampard, K Rowland — E Berhows — J
Hartson, J Kisson (sub: S Abou, 83).
Referee: G Ashby



Duff found the target twice in a splendid performance

## Cadamarteri's commitment pushes Leicester into error

IT HAS happened at last and, perhaps by the mere law of averages if had to. Everton have won away from home in the FA Carling Premiership for the first time in more than a year. It was also their first win of any sort since October, when they had the audacity to beat their more successful neighbours, Liverpool.
That day it was the 18-year-old.

Danny Cadamarteri, who scored such a spectacular goal. At Leicester it was Cadamarteri who provoked the 89th-minute penalty from which unexpected victory was gained. Six minutes earlier. Cadamarteri had obliged Kasey Keller, Leicester's American goalkeeper, to make his first save of the game after Barmby had cleverly sent bim away down the left flank. It was again from the left that Cadamerieri cut into the box, after a suicidal back-header by Lennon. Keller, who came tearing out of his

goal, brought him down just

inside the area. It was a clear

penalty. Martin O'Neill, the Leicester manager, did not disagree, though he said: I think Spencer Prior should have got there. Once a forward gets a touch on the ball. apything can happen." Gary Speed put away the penalty kick. Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, was left, for once, with a smile on his face, while Leicester

had egg on theirs.
"Cadamarteri," Kendall said, would cause most people probloins with his pace. He's strong, he's burst on the scene, he's got Fenton to mimendous talent and is a little bit rebound.



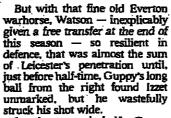
LEICESTER CITY 0 EVERTON 1 By Brian Glanville

different from most strikers that you see because of that electric

Pace, it should be said, supported by moral and physical courage. He cannot, as Leicester's big defenders discovered, be bullied out of the game, nor will he give up taking difficult options, trying to beat an opponent and finding the fastest way to goal.

Leicester have their own young England star in Emile Heskey but. on this occasion, after a bright beginning, he was something of a blunt instrument, not helped by Leicester's lack of intelligence in the build-up and their penchant for banging the ball upfield, hoping he could catch it.

In the first couple of minutes Heskey looked as if he might win the game on his own. His header from Guppy's left-wing cross had Thomas Myhre, Everton's new Norwegian goalkeeper, diving to save. Almost at once. Heskey had a shot parried by Myhre, only for Fenton to shoot wide from the



In the second half, Guppy turned inside Barrett out on the left wing before finding Claridge, the substitute, who headed nar-

The truth is, however, that Leicester generated far more heat than light in an unpleasant game that saw Jeff Winter, the referee, brandish yellow cards in abundance. Even so, he was largely a permissive figure and he should have booked Öster almost as soon as the game began, before letting far too many unseemly goings-on pass unpunished.

His performance was thrown into relief in the first minute of the second half when, having ignored so much skulduggery, he booked Barrett simply for delaying a Kendall was tolerant in victory.

"It was a difficult game to handle." he said, "because it looked as if things were happening off the ball." Alas, they were happening on the ball, as well.

LEDCESTER CITY (3-5-2) K Keller — S Phor, S Waleh, M Ellott — P Kaemark (sub: S Wilson-Yemin), M Izzet, N Lennon, R Savege, S Guppy — E Hestey, G Feriton (sub: S Clandge, 45).
EVERTON (3-5-2): Thytme — C Short, D Watson, C Titer — E Banett, G Fanetly, J Oster (sub: M Ball, 90); A - Hinchottle — N Barmby, D Ball 90). A ... Hinchcliffle Cadamarieri



WIMBLEDON V ARSENAL Today, 8.0



Matt Dickinson Arsène Wenger has spent the past week denying that there are rifts in the Arsenal dressing-room, that he is about to sell lan

Wright to Everton and that he has no money for new signings. Apart from that, and the fact that his team has slipped to sixth in the FA Carling Premiership, all is well for the

Wimbledon continue to struggle through against all expectations; they have lost just twice in their past eight games despite an horrendous catalogue of injuries. Their 0-0 draw at Everton last week was a masterpiece of killing a game stone dead and taking away a point and they may be happy to do likewise tonight.

However, with Chris Perry suspended and Brian McAllister possibly out for the season, they may find that their resources are just too thin against an Arsenal team who know that they cannot afford to lose any more ground after the defeat by Blackburn last week.

WMMBLEDON (probable; 4-4-2): N Sullivan — B Thatcher, A Riceyes, D Blackwell, A Kimble — N Ardley, V Jones, R Earle, C Hughes — C Cort, M Geyte. ARSENAL (probable; 4-4-2): D Seaman — L Dexon, A Adams, S Bould, N Winterburn — R Partour, P Visera, D Plati, M Overmens — I Winght, D Bergkamp. Referee: D Gallagher.

TELEVISION: Today: Live on Sky Sports 1, from 7pm. ■ PREDICTION: Arsenal win.

## **Derby and Palace combine** forces to make impression

Alex Ferguson will not be reduced to a gibbering wreck when the latest FA Carling Premiership bulletin drops through the Old Trafford letter box, even if it does make page one news of the fact that, 26 seasons ago, Manchester United led the table by four points on Christmas Day and eventually finished eighth. The champions that year? Derby County. The chance of history repeating itself? Somewhere between slim and none (and Slim, as they say, has already left town).

As enchanting as their football is between the penalty areas and as much as Pride Park, like the Baseball Ground before it, has rapidly developed into an intimidating arena for visiting teams -Derby are unbeaten in their new home, with six wins out of nine their form on the road, where they have taken just eight points out of 30, mitigates against any talk of the title.

But in an age in which thousands of supporters try to recoup their outlay on real-life heroes by entering lucrative fantasy competitions, what would they give for a team that coupled Derby's destructive tendencies at home and the astonishing away-day stickability of Crystal Palace, whose defiance on Saturday in a seemingly hopeless cause was the stuff of legend. Crystal County (manager. Jim Coppell) would have them quaking in their designer boots at the Stretford End.

So slovenly at Selhurst Park. where they have managed just five



DERBY COUNTY 0 CRYSTAL PALACE 0 By Keith Pike

goals and three draws in eight attempts. Palace need only a coach ride and overnight stop to be transformed. Shorn of six guaranteed first-teamers, including their two influential Italians and their leading — some would say only goalscorer, and forced to give a debut to a youngster who had

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failed previously even to make the substitutes' bench, they appeared easy prey here.

Palace, though, were having

none of it. Their contribution to the entertainment was strictly limited - although this was by no means the worst nil-nil draw of all time and their backs were to the wall for so long that it always appeared that one more Derby shove would see the whole team collapse, but there was something vaguely heroic about their refusal to submit,

"The Scouse have a word for it spunk," Steve Coppell said, "and we seem to have a lot more of it about us away from home." Mart Poom, the Derby goalkeeper who was presented with the Estonia player-of-the-year award before kick-off, might as well have trav-elled home to collect it, for all that he was troubled, but Coppell did not feel compelled to apologise for Palace's lack of ambition, and rightly so. "We have been involved in some thrilling games and been beaten," he said. "It was a magnifi-

cent result for us." It might have been better still Emblen, with a low left-foot shot, and Linighan, with an unopposed header, both failed to hit the target when in prime position. Defeat for Derby, though, would have been horribly unjust. Their approach play was a delight, the control and movement of Eranio and Baiano mesmerising. Only their finishing let them down. Deon Burton missing the four clear-cut chances they created, Baiano striking the bar with a sumptuous volley and Miller saving athletically from Chris Powell.

"Two-nil up against Manchester United, 3-1 up at Bolton, 3-0 up at Leeds ... we would be top of the league if we could kill off teams." Jim Smith, the Derby manager, said Some, like Palace, simply refuse to die.

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GOALSCORERS

BELL'S PREMIER DIVISION: 31 M Negn (Rangers) 15: H Larscon: (Deltot, 14: R Winters) Dundee Urd) G McSwocan (Dundee Urd) 13 A Smith (Dunfermine) 12: K Oldsson (Dundee Urd)

Sman (Durelemine) 12 A Unitson (Junose Uni) 10 O Coyle (Mathemell), 5 Dometry (Cetic) 9: T Coyne (Mathemell), C Buttry (Cetic) 8: D Dodds (Abordeen), P. Wiight (Kitnamock), A. McCoot (Rangers), 7: S. Adam (Hearts), N. McConn (Hearts)

FIRST DIVISION: 10: A Bone (Stating) 9: Winght (Raith) W Hawke (Greenot-Morton) 8 J Grady (Duroko) 7: J Mandes (St Mirren), A Morgan Fanta-) S Cooper (Acthes), A Cast (Fellich) 6: E Annand (Duroce) L Duffo (Ayr), J Clark (Hamsjon); P Connolly (Ardne), P McGrisen (Fallich)

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CELTIC Burley 23, 90 Waghorst 38 McNamara 48 FIRST DIVISION Larsson 64 Larson 64
Callic: J Gould, T Boyd, O Hannah, J McKamara, E Annoni, A
Subbs, H Larson (sub D Jardson, 72min), C Burley, M
Wiselbors! (sub H Barthrale, 188min), P Lambert, R Blinker
(sub A Thom, 81min)
Booked: Burley, Jardson,
Hilbermann, C Reid, W Miller, J Boco, A Dods, J Hughes, J
McChullen, A Walter (sub K Miller, 96min), K Harper, S
Crawford (sub A Rougler, 75min), A Dow (sub J Chamley,
71min), P McClinkey
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Heartis, G Rousset, G Locke, N Pomton (sub. ) Quidongo, 71mm), D Wert, S Sakadon, P Richee, N McCann, S Fulton, J Robertson, I Cameron (sub. ) T Flogel, Bürnen), S Adam (sub. ) Hamillon, Bürnen)
Bookset: Pelajion, Rousset, Werr, Robertson, Sakadon, Rangers: P Snelders, A Clebrid, S Stensass; S McCall, S Parmin, J Bigonford, G Quene, I Ferguson, M Negri (subr. 8 Laudrup, 83mm), R Gattuso, J Albert:
Bookset: McCall, Portini, Galtuso
Randerse, H Nalley O OXFORD UTD Massey 54 Robinson 87 KILMARNOCK (1) 1 ABERDEEN Wright 27 8,452 (1) 1 BRADFORD 8 863 SECOND DIVISION Aberdeen: J Leighton, R Anderson (Sub- J Miller, 87mm), D Whyte, 6 O'Neit, J Inglis, G Smith, P Bernard, E Jess, M. Newell (sub, R Gilles, Samen), D Ondris, I Kinalaw Referee: J Herald (1) 1 CHESTRPLD 11,792 Motherwelt S Woods, E May, S McMillan (sub: W Davies, 21mm), R Newman, B Marlin, J Philliben, J Hendry (sub: M Wer, 55mm) E Shrule, T Coyne S McSlamming, O Coyle, Boolast: Philliben, Shrule Dumfermiene i Westpater, G Shelds, M McCußoch (sub. S Duafe, 27mm). A Tod. D Barnett, H Curran, I Den Biernan (sub. G Shaw, 78min). C Robertson. S Petrie (sub. A Moore, 10mm). H French, D Brigham (2) 2 BRISTOL R Cureion 13 Hayles 22, 38 Beadle 32 (0) 1 WYCOMBE 6.092 (0) 2 PLYMOUTH Cotazzan 45 FALKIRK Crang 37 James 57 (2) 4 BRENTFORD 3.301 (0) 0 G MORTON Duffield 9 1,903 (0) O GALLINGHAM PARTICK Lyons 14, 52 Morgan 96 FRIDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Fulham 1 Bur Oldham 0 Walsall 0 Southend 4 York 4 McCuade 76 (og) Wright E5, 90 **THIRD DIVISION** ST MERREN 3 165 EXFTER Tisdate 30 Devian 38 Rowbolltam 44 (pen) (3) 3 ROCHDALE 3,378 **SECOND DIVISION** BRECHIN Hutcheon 75 256 HARTLPOOL Halfday 24 Howard 90 2,309 INVERNESS CT Cherry 11, 78 1,521 Sent off J Doctor (Manchela) 57 OUEEN OF SOUTH (1) 2 EAST FIFE Earlie 29 Moltas 68 (pen) 1 013 MACCLSFLD (0) 1 CARDIFF 2,398 (0) 0 Malian 85 1 013 Sent off J Thomson (Cheen CV South) 44 SWANSEA (1) 1 CAMBRIDGE U Wilcon 59 (pen) Sent off R Appleby (Swanse a) 45 ARBROATI PRIDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Colchister 2 Chester 0, Donraster 0, Rotherham 3, Scarborough 1 Barnet 0 CONDENSEATH (C) O BERWICK Escation 8 Finlaryson 66 GOALSCORERS -DUMBARTON NATIONWIDE FIRST DIVISION: 18: P. Jan. Hosydonic (Notim Forest): 15: B. Angell (Stockgott): 14: C. Hay (Samdon, one for Celest, C. Mandonea (Charlon); D. Johnson (Ilphanch): 12: M. Beck, (Middlesbrough); A. Amadong (Stochpor): 11: A. Hunt (West Brom): B. Doazio: 'Short Urid; P. Ponne (Stocke); J. Boazio and Charlond Urid; 10: K. Campbell (Norm Forest): P. Dahon (Huddersheld): J. A. Fjortoff (Sheft Urid): L. Jones (Transser)

SECOND DIVISION: 17: A Boi (Walsan 14: S Goato (Bristol City) 13: M Stallard (Mycambo, B Hayles (Bristol Rovers): A Rowe (York): A Taylor (Breitlord) 12: A Arinthy (Gillingham) S Barrow (Cicham): P Pepcheolico (Pytham), 11: A Thorpe (Lutor), 10: D Love (Wegan): L Ashooti (Prodor) P Kennock (Watdord): D Seal (Normamptory, M Jancen (Cartele)

THRO DMISION: 19: J Quarti (Peterborough) 15: M Carruthers (Peterborough): 13: D Rosebotham (Excles): 12: G Bornett (Drester): S Whitchaul (Mansfield): 1 Christe (Mansfield): 11: J Cullen (Harrispool): G Williams (Scarborough): D White (Streamborn); D Roberts (Darington): 10: A Bed Swanstail: R Panter (Rochaula): 9: L Gover (Rothatham): S Dovine (Barret): J Eyre (Scarborough): D Eyre (Scarborough): D Eyre (Scarborough): 1 Eyre (Scarboro

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FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP Bolton Wanderers: 6 Ward C Bergsson, A Todd, C Farrstough, J Phillips, M Johansen (sub F Carr, 78min), J Pollock, P Francisco. S Sellars, N Blake, P Beardsley Netsen 6 Ginola 12, 18 Tottenham Hotsper: I Walter, C Caldemend, R Fox A Neisen, D Anderton (sub. J Domingues, 70mm), L Fardjeand (sub. \$ Nersen, 46mm), S Carr, D Ginda (sub. \$ Clemence, 58mm), D Wilson, A Sinton, \$ Campbell (O) 1 Lencester City: N. Keller, P. Kaamark (stuhr S. Wilson, 76mm), S. Guppy, S. Pmor, M. Elliott, S. Walsh, M. Izzet, N. Lennon, R. Savage, E. Hestory, G. Fenson (sub. S. Clandge, 45mm). Booked: Savage, Heskey, Pron Feetron: T Mylan, E Barrett, C Short, D Watson, C Filer, A Hinchchille, J Osler (sub M Ball, 90mm), G Speed, G Farrelly, N Bamby, D Cadamariet NEWCASTLE 36,767 Liverpool: D. James, B.T. Krarme, J. McAleer, S. McManaman, O. Leonhardsen, R. Fowler, J. Redonapp. S. Harlaness, M. Owen, D. Malico, J. Carragher Coventry City: M Hedman, R Straw, D Hucketty, N Whetan, D Dublin, P Teller, T E Solthed Isub Gawn Strachan, Schmitt, G Bouerng, M Hail, S Haworth Isub, A Duards, 85mm, R Nilsson. Manchester United: P Schmeichet, G Hewile, R Johnson, P Heville, G Pallister, D Bedithem, N Butl, R Gigos, P Scholes (sub. D & Solshaer, 72mm). A Cole, E Shennghem (sub. B McClair, BSmin) Booked: Butl. P Naville, Cole. Referee: P Jones. GOALSCORERS FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: 17: J Hartson (West Ham) 16: A Cole (Man Uld) 12: C Sutton (Blackoum): D Berghamp (Arsenel) 11: F Baerio (Backoum): G Berghamp (Arsenel): K Gellacher (Backoum): R Walface (Leods): K Davies (Southampton): P Wanchope (Derby): 9: N Blake (Bolton), P Di Carvo (Sheff Wed), R Fowler (Liverpool): E Shanngham (Man Utd). Sheffield Wednesday, It Pressman, I Notan, M. Pernbridge, J. Nensome, D. Walber, G. Whitmigham (sub: N. Alexanderscon, 58mm). A Booth, P. D. Camo (sub: 8 Carbone, 68mm). D. Stebnovic, W. Collins (sub: 6 Hyde, 59mm), P. Rudi. Chelsea, P. De Goey, D. Pernesur, F. Leboud, G. Walls, D. Wise, M. Outhery, G. Le Saux, R. D. Malheo, F. Stechar (sub: S. Clarke, 77mm). M. Nicholls, G. Zola (sub: T.A. Pio, 68mm). D. Retener, G. Stechar, S. Stechar, C. Stechar, S. Stech nctudes all competitions

TTALIAN LEAGUE: Ban 0 Alacenza 0; Brescia 1 AS Roma 1; Fiorentina 5 Aizlanta Bergamo 0; Juventus, 5 Empoti 2; Laco 4 Vicenza 0, Parma 2 Legos 1; Sampdoria 6 Napoti 3; Udinese 1 International 2 GERMAN LEAGUE: Borussas Dommund 2 Schalke 2; Borussas Moerchengladbach 4 Heritha BSC 2; Armina Beldfeld 2 Karlsuthe SC 1; Bayer Leverkusen 6 VR Stuttgett 1, MSV Dulsburg 2 VII. Bochunn 0; Kalserslautern 2 Cologne 2: VII. Wollsburg 3 Bayern Munich 3; TSV. 1880 Munich 0 Werder Juyentus
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Parma
AS Roma
Lazio
Fiorentina
AC Milan
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-Napoli Hansa Rostock Herthe Seslin Karlsruhe Bor M'gladbach Arminia Bielefeld 1860 Munich Does not include last night's match SPANISH LEAGUE: Barcelona 3 Atléboo Madrid 1; Racing Sentander 2 Real Betis 0; Valladolid 4 Zaragoda 0; Athletic Bilboo 5 Merida 1; Celta Vigo 3 Oviedo 0; Compostala 0 Deportivo La Coruna 0; Sporting Gion 0 Valenca 3. Coss not around the house of the Parks of the Hernell Lens Basia O Lyon 1; Rennes 1 Basia O Lyon 1; Rennes 1 Parks SG 2, Strasbourg 2 Toulouse Le Hevre 1 Nantes 0; Metz 3 Monaco O Postponed: Carne Chateaurous, Marseille v Gungamp Leading positions DUTCH LEAGUE: MW Maastricht 0 Utracht 0: NEC Nijmagen 2 Sparta Rotterdam 0, Graatschap Doetrindrem 2 Groningen 3. Fortuna Sittard 1 Roda JC Karkrade 1. Vitesse 2 FC Twente 1, FC Volendam 0 NAC 3, Feyanoord 4 Willem II 2. Barcelona Real Madnd Real Sociedad Cetta Vigo Athletic Bilbao Atletico Madind Espanól Real Betis Does not include

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PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Salgueros 2 Maritamo 0, Sporting Braga 2 Vitoria Serubal 2, Rio Ave 3 Balenenses 0; Sporting Lisbon 1 Academica Colmbra 0; Farense 2 Camportratorense 2

BELGIAN (EAGUE: Everen 2 Answerp 0, Aeist 3 Harelbeie 2; Standard Liege 3 Chert 3; Mouscron 0 Gent: 2; tolearen 5 Molembeek 0; Anderdecht 2 Beveren 0; Lommis 2 Westerlo 1; Sint Truden 0 Club 8nages 2; Charlerol 3 Learse 0

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1 LEEK Conningham 88

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UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE Premier division: Cogenhoe 1 Budengham 0: Ford Sports 2 Desborough 2: Holbeach 2 Yashy 2: Potion 2 Long Buckby 0: St Neots 0 Starnford 2: Spalding 1 N Spencer 1: Stofficd 7 Bourne 0: Wootlo

**NON-LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES** 

PREMIER DIVISION: Ashlord 4 Atherstor 3; Burton 2 Dorchester 2; Cambridge City Worcester 4. Glaucester 0 Crawley Wordester 4. Goldester V. Crawley V. Halesowen 2. Hastings 1; King's Lynn 3. Forest Green 2: Merthyr 3. Grasley of Nuneaton 3. Rothwell 0. Sallsbury 4. Sittingbourne 0; St Leonards 2 Bromsgrove 4. Thomaster 1. Barts Bath 2
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Pablo Garcia, left, of Uruguay, runs clear of Radek Bejbl, of the Czech Republic, in

the third place play-off for the Confederations' Cup. Photograph: Fatih Saribas

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MDDLAND DIVISION: Bedworth 2
Shepphed Dynamo 1, Bilston 3 Surton
Colofield Town 1; Blakenal 3 Stourbridge 3;
Corby 0 Wisbech 1, Evestam 0 Bilston 5,
Moor Green 0 Brackley 1; Pager 1 Handley
3; Raunds 1 Redorch 2, Stationd 0
Gramfram 2 VS Rugby 1 Soldhall Boro 3
Southern division: Cindentord 2
Waterbookle 2, Enth and Belvedere 0
Havant 0, Fisher 5 Bastrley 2, Fleet 4
Chencester 1; Newport APC 2 Newport IOW
2, Torthodge Angels 2 Dartitod 1, Trowandge 2 Baldock 0; Weston-S-Make 0
Figigham 4, Weymouth 2 Cleveldon 0;
Woney 1 Margate 4, Yate 2 Chelmstond 3.
BSSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Bumham Ramblers 3 Eton Marror 0,
Brord 1 Great Whiering 2; Sawbonogeworth
3 Bernhowd 0, Sansted 2 Borows 3

UNILIET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First Janes Subsect County Leadure First division: Hassocks 0 Whitehank 0. Harsham YMCA 3 Charbester 1, Languer Sports 2 Redmil 1, Mile Cal 1 Wick 3; Pagham 0 Burgess hill 3. Portheld 3 Harsham 4, Saltdean 4 Eastbourne Town 1, Selby 0 Ringmor 2 Sharsham 3 Peochaum and Telscombe 1

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BANKS'S BRIEWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Bustisholme 1 kington 2, Cradley 1 busisson 0 Etimpshall 1 Blomich 1, Lys 2 Westfields 1 Stourport 2 Stationd 0 Worksthampton 0 Suals 0 Tividale 2 Worksthampton 0 Ludlow 1 Postponed, Gornel > Matwern, Walsall Wood y Briefley Hill

RYMAN PREMIER DIVISION: Ayrestury 3 Herdon 0; Basingstoke 0 Purfleet 2: Bishope Stortford 2 Yearding 1: Borsham Wood 3 Chestham 1; Bromby 3 Erifleid 1; Carshaton 1 Heytondge Swifts 1; Dag and Red 0 Sutton United 2: Herdow 1 Duwled 2: Hitchin 4 Carvesend and NorthBeet 0; Kingetronan 0 Oxford City 0; Walton and Hersham 1 St Albans 0

Grays v Leyton Permant.
Second division: Barking 1 Northwood 1 Sediord Town 0 Horsham 0, Bracknell 3 Sediord Town 0 Horsham 0, Bracknell 3 Merlow 2: Canway Island 7 Hungerford 2 Cheshunt 0 Egnam 3; Met Police 4 Brastnee 4, Weadstone 3 Edgware 1 Windsor and Elton 3 Witham 1; Wivenhood Leghton 1 Postponed: Banstead v Tibbuy Third division: Aveley 3 Connthein Casuals 0 Camberley 2 Herston 3; Clapton 1 Horston 0, Croydon 3 Lewes 1, Dorking 6 Flackwell Heath 3, Hernet Hempsteed 5 Ford 1: Honorturch 1 Esson and Ewell 1 Timg 0 East Thursod. 2: Ware 3 Kingsburg 1, Wingste and Finchley 6 Southell 0

INTERLINK EXPRESS ALLIANCE: Berwell
1 Rocester 5, Blowich Town 3 Sandwell 1:
Bridghorth 2 knypersky V 0, Kings Norton 0
Rushall 0 0: Oktobur U 1 Stagerful 2.
Pelsall V 2 Stratford T 0: Pershore T 1
Boldmere St M 2, Shirtal T 1 Chasetown 4,
Wednesteld 3 Halcowen H 0; W Mid
Police 0 Welenhall 0.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST IEAGUE-Premier division: Curzon Ashton 0 Matoy MW 0: Denaby 3 Setby 0: Eccleshili 0 Harokley 2: Glacshoughton Wetlare 2 Amold 2: Hadam 5 Shoffield 1: Hadied Man 2 Brigg 4. Muckmal 5 Ponterract Cols 4: Liveracing 0 Obsert Albon; 3, North Fomby 3 Ametroppe Wetlare 1, Osselt Town 3 Pickening 0

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Bolehill Swits 1 Highgore (I Coleshell (I Handrahan Timbers 2: Danid Lloyd AFC (I Mark Na 1). Dudley Sports 4 Alvechurch 4, GPT (Coventry) 0 Worcester 4: Kenevorth 2: Contental Star 4: Kings Heath 4 Cheshin Hay 2, Wellestroume 1 Coventry Sphinx 6. Postponed: Studiey BkL, v Massey Ferguson Presidents cup: Coletts Green (I Fockenham 3.

Stackstone v Weifingborough.
JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES
LEAGUE: Premier division: Cleaton 0 By
4; Febestowe Port and 0 Dass 0; Harwich
and Perkeston 0 Woodram 4; Stowmarket 1
Falkenham 1: Sudbury 1 Soham 2; Warboys
4 Woodbroige 1 Postponed: Great Ya-mouth v Sudbury Wanderers; Histon v
Gordeston, Lowestoft v Halsteed; Trotree v
Newmarket. P W D L F A
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Aylesbury 22 9 3 10 23 34
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JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: APC Newbury 0 Lymington 1:
Andower 2 Winthome 2: Brockerhurst 3
East Cowes 0: Downton 1 Eastleigh 0:
Gesport 1 Aerostructures 2: Romsey 1
Porlamouth RN 4: Thatcharn 0 Bernetin
Heath Harl 1: Whitchurch 3 BAT 0.
Postponed: Bournemouth v Cowes Sports. PIRST DIVISION: Berkhamsted 1 Croydon 0; Billencay 1 Chiertsey 5, Leatherhead 2 Berton Rovers 1, Meddenhaad United 6 Whysleelee 0, Molescy 2 Usbridge 3, Romford 1 Autention Town 2. Therme Utd 0 Hampton 5, Wolungham 0 Bognor 2, Worthing 7 Abmigdon Town 2 Postponed: Grays V. Leyton Permant.

Postponect Boumerrouth v Cowee Sports.
COMPLETE MUSIC HELLENC LEAGUEPremier division: Bicester 1 Highworth 2;
Enddeigh 3 Ductot 1, Fartend 2 Benburg 2;
Harrow Hill 0 Hasien 0: Kindbury 0 Wantage
2: North Leigh 2 Almondsburg 1; Shortwood
5 Cartenton 1; Swindon Supermarine 3
Burnham 2: Tufficy 1 Abaggdon 1
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MINERVA SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS
LEAGUE: Premier division south:
Amenham Town I Besconsteld :: Brook
House 1 Barlengside 1; Hanwell Town 0
Britiscown Povers 2: Russip Manor 3
Hangey Boro 2: Woodbot Town 2
Hallingdon Boro 3: Postponect St
Mangaretsbury v Herefield Uld, Premier
division north: Langford 1 Bediend Uld 1,
Lasthworth 1 Buckingham Affects 2: Melton
Keynes 1 Hoddesdon Town 0: Potters Bar
Town 0 Harpender Town 0: Toddington
Rouses 0 Royston Town 4; Welwyn Gardan
City 4 Bogoleswade Town 2 O'Brien
Sutchers Challenge Trophy: Fourth
round: Postponed: Waltham Abbey v
Holmer Green; Codkosters v Artesey Town

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WALES: Abenyshwyth 3
Bangor City 1. Bany 4 Caernerfon 0:
Carnass Ynys Mon 2 Caerswes 4: Welshpool
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LEAGUE: Buckie Thistle 0 Deverorwsle 4;
Cachnacuddin 4 Fort William 0; Eigen 6
Loseismouth 0; Fores Mechanics 0 Nahm
County 2: Peterhead 0 Fraerburgh 1; Wick
Academy 2: Brora 1 Postponed: Cove v
Hunth; Natth v Rothes.
SMIRNOFF RISH LEAGUE: Premier 6vision: Citronville 2 Ards 2: Coleraine 2
Portadown 0, Crusaders 3 Ballymana 4;
Gleravon 1 Glontoran 0; Limfeld 0 Omagh
0, First division: Bengior 0 Limswardy 0;
Destilery 1 Carnok 0; Oungarnon Swifts 4
Ballyclare 5; Larne 0 Newny 2.
FAI HARP: Premier division: Desty City 0

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FAI HARP: Premier division: Derry City 0 Sigo Rovers 0. Kalkenry City 1 Scriemans 1.
FAI WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: National division: FAI Horp Lagor XI 3 Transmore Rov Ladies 0: Everton 4 Liverpool 1. Postponed: Milwall Lonesses v Wernbley, Northern division: Bluowich 0 fixeston 11; Coverny 3 Arnold 1; Wolverhampton 2 Hundersheld 0. Postponed: Aston Ville v Stroff Wod Southern division; Issandh 1 Langlord 2, Leyton Orent 0 Brighton and Hose 5; Southernpton Santo 1 Whitehawk 1; Wimblodon 4 Three Bridges 1

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## Kinkladze shows City the route to revival

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Middlesbrough.....

By IVO TENNANT

FORGET about the theatre of dreams. For once, Maine Road was a verme where a Mancunian need not have experienced constraint or defla-tion. Manchester City beat the lead-ers of the Nationwide League first division with a performance of such vim and gusto as to make their form throughout this season appear

City's victory was assured midway through the first half. That, at least, was the estimation of Bryan Robson. We Middlesbrough manager, and it was quite a compliment from one who remains steeped in Manchester United's cause — and who as player and manager had never before tasted defeat against City. His team, sup-posedly fashioned in his own image,

- to say nothing of a number of skills - that was apparent early in the

It need hardly be said that Kinkladze, returning after injury. was the most influential person on the pitch. He created City's second goal, quite brilliantly, and was altogether worthy of the opinion of Dennis Tueart, their former winger and new director, that he is one of the best players in the world. As yet, though, no manager has succeeded in building a team around

City, of course, have been without Rösler for three months and that, after scoring 52 goals in the past three seasons, is not the least of the reasons for their predicament. He scored their first goal on Saturday, from the penalty spot, and made all the right noises about being supportive of Frank Clark, the City manager. "He has treated me with great courtesy

and understanding and I will do the penalty came about after 16 everything I can to help him be a minutes. Russell, in spite of failing to

success," Rösler said. The centre forward had missed one reasonable chance, as well as provid-



control the ball on the edge of the Middlesbrough penalty area, was sent sprawling by the appropriately named Stamp and Rosler thumped his penalty kick past Schwarzer without any tripperies.

Fifteen minutes later, City were two goals to the good. One of Kinkladze's characteristics is to entice defenders into making chal-lenges that he can whip past with sleight of foot and dip of shoulder. Little wonder, then, that none was forthcoming when he sidled into Middlesbrough's penalty area and, instead of shooting, dragged the ball back to Dickov, whose shot took a deflection past Schwarzer.

Where were Middlesbrough? Somnambulists, the lot of them. Merson, who was watched by Glenn Hoddle. the England coach, did not provide a pass of any merit until 12 minutes from the end. There was no Emerson.

and all three chances they created fell to Stamp, who compounded a woeful day by missing one after another. Their followers responded by taking out their ire on the home supporters behind one of the corner flags. "I had a good record against City before now," Robson said ruefully.

For all that, Middlesbrough are still the leaders and City remain near the foot of the table. Their next home match is against Nottingham Forest and, if they can bring off another victory, can countenance a less lean new year than hitherto had seemed likely. That, of course, is assuming they can resolve whether Francis Lee comes or goes, who buys which shares, whether Maine Road will still

be their ground ...

MANCHESTER CITY (4.4-2) T Winght — R Edghil, I Symons, G Wielers, M Sholia — G Brannan, C Russell — P Dickov U Rosle MIDDLESBRÖUGH (4.4-2); M Schwarzer — (Fierring G Festa, N Pearson, C Harrson (sub. Micros, 63-m) — P Sterne, M Summercell (auto i Musco, 35), A Townson, C Hignert (sub. S Victers 63) — If Beck, P Merson

#### FOOTBALL: PENALTY BY PEACOCK ENOUGH TO SECURE FIRST VICTORY FOR NEW QPR MANAGER

## Harford enjoys a little home comfort

Queens Park Rangers .. 1 Bradford City .

By Brian Glanville

CHRIS WRIGHT, the Queens Park Rangers chairman, unexpectedly came into the press-room after the game to congratulate his new manager. Ray Harford. Presumably it was meant as a gesture of solidarity. QPR, after all, had just attained their first win under Harford, even though it was a meagre one achieved through a penalty.

This was given after Zi minutes, when Spencer turned in the area and, challenged by Wilder, fell histrionically to earth. Peacock took the kick with more force than finesse. Walsh, the Bradford City goalkeeper, got a hand to the ball; but could not stop it, despite another desperate dive, from spinning over the line.

Should it have been a penalty? With honesty worthy of the festive season, Chris Kamara, the Bradford manager, said: "I saw it on Sky and it looked a penalty. Spencer shifted the ball to the side and Wilder made contact with him."

Harford, for his part, said hat he had not looked at the incident on television. The referee gave it. We take whatever we get," he said. Which, at the moment, is not very much. Harford was justified in saying: "The first quarter of the second half, I thought some of our play was excellent. We didn't punish them as müch as we should have done. Then, when the fire went out, the other team thought they

had a chance." Walsh had a lot to do with the fact that QPR did not score. again. He was lucky, three minutes into the second half, when a long shot by Sinclair. who was by turns incisive and frustrating, rebounded from

In the next minute, Walsh beat down a drive by Sheron. Two minutes later, when Sinclair brushed past his man from the right, Walsh blocked that shot too. From the corchance, but shot too high.

Edinho, the Brazilian on as substitute, had Bradford's first accurate attempt on goal in the 64th minute, but his header, from Wilder's rightwing cross, was easy for Roberts. A quarter of an hour later, when Small sent the ball over from the other wing, Edinho headed just over the bar, to the displeasure of his manager. "The one good chance we had," Kamara said, "you expect the Brazilian to score. Free header in the box, unfortunately, it doesn't go

But the outstanding save of the match, just before halftime, was surely by Walsh. A neat move on the left, between Spencer and Sheron, was facilitated when Small missed the ball. Quashie's fierce drive , was turned over the top by the goalkeeper. Managers have their own

way of seeing things and Kamara, in this instance, said: "As far as possession was concerned, we had the lion's share, but we didn't have that quality around the box. They're a counter-attacking team. I told the lads that, before the game. We were comfortable until the penalty." In fact, QPR quite dominated the first period of the second half, when counter-attack was the last thing on their minds.

Their new purchase from Bradford, George Kulcsar, an Australian of Hungarian origin, was on the field for no more than 25 minutes. Harford said: "We need someone who can sit there and control that position. He can do that. He's a really good passer of a hall."

This we must take on trust for the moment. Good passers. of a ball would certainly bein a OPR team that is still striving for success.

CUEENS: PARK: RANGERS (4-4-2): A. Roberts — S Yeses, D Madder, K Ready, R Brevest — T Sincier, T Yulicser (sub: P. Murrey, 25min), G Peacock, N Oussine—M Sheron (sub: K Galler, 77), J Spercer.
BRADFORD CTY (3-5-2) G West — C Wilder, E Youds, A C'Erien — J Lewrence (sub: R Biste, 67), N Pepper, S Murray, P Beagrie — R Steiner (sub: Editino, 50), J McGirlay (sub: C Remege, 67).
Referers: S W Mathieson.



## Taylor spoils Bournemouth's party

Watford.....

By BILL EDGAR

TREVOR WATKINS may lack the sporting prowess of Matthew Le Tissier. Southampton's perennial saviour from relegation, but his own rescue act at nearby Bournemouth has impressed BBC South viewers enough to make him their novel choice of Sports Personality of the Year. Watkins became Bournemouth chairman last summer. when he and other fans turned a club facing the last financial rites into one that they proclaim as unique in Europe in

being community-owned. A revivalist spirit has carried Bournemouth to midtable respectability in the Nationwide League second division, but, predictably, it could not stop an irresistible Watford inflicting a first defeat in nine home games on Bournemouth. The result was fully appreciated by Graham Taylor, the victorious manager who said: "It was a very good win. Bournemouth are a dub that nearly went under. People have bought into the club from within the community, people who love the club. A cause at a club can be a great

driving force." Watford's own cause of automatic promotion looks almost certain to be achieved. The ruthless leaders have shown contempt for their rivais in the second division and have marched away at the top of the table with Bristol City. to leave a battle for play-off places among the closely bunched teams way beneath them. This victory increased their lead to 18 points over third-placed Oldham, who occupy the first play-off position.

Taylor assessed the new table and declared: "Sixteen wins out of 23 is a first-class achievement for us. You have to say Watford and Bristol City are the best sides and among the rest of them anything can happen."

The visiting fans scented three points when they greeted the award of a 58th-minute free kick on the edge of the Bournemouth area as though it were a penalty. Peter Kennedy is a set-piece specialist and was the reason for their optimism. He duly obliged by sending the ball curling beyond Jimmy Glass, the goalkeeper, for his tenth goal of the

Kennedy, a Northern Ireland B international wing back, who, on Saturday, took the roving forward's role nor-mally filled by the injured Ronnie Rosenthal, was signed by Taylor for just £130,000 from Notts County. "This boy

different positions and he's done very well for us," Taylor

said. Mel Machin, the Bourne mouth manager, revealed: "I said at half-time we mustn't give free kicks away on the edge of the area. They were very dangerous from dead-

ball positions." Taylor is already eyeing the record of his all-conquering Lincoln City side in 1975-76, who would have gained 106 points in the old fourth division had a win earned three instead of two. At the halfway stage Watford are on course to match that exactly. Such targets may soon be all that remain to interest them.

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BOURNEMOUTH (4-4-2): J Glass — N
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Simini, J O'Neal (sub. J Hemington, 81) —
S Fletcher, C Warmen
WATFORD (4-3-1-2). A Chamberlen — N
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Hydle. R Johnson, P Robinson — P
Kennedy — J Lee, G Noel-Williams
Referee: E Lomas.

## Old Firm plays trump cards as Hearts sink

THESE are **KEVIN** dition in **McCARRA** Scottish football, but the rituals involve acts of confisca tion rather than the wrapping of presents. With their 5-2 defeat of

commentary

Heart of Midlothian on Saturday. Rangers ransacked the Ed-inburgh club's store of

The year is in the habit of ending with that sort of deed in the Bell's Scottish League premier division. At the mid-point of a season. the Old Firm has often been ruthless in putting down insurrections. Hearts, who had been leading the table, now lie behind both Rangers and Celtic, who swatted Hibernian 5-0. It is still possible for Hearts to take the title, but those who retain such hopes will express them quietly.

The previous admiration for Hearts was not misplaced and even while being trounced by Rangers they still mustered enough spirit to make chances of their own. They could only be perceived as contenders for the title, however, so long as

the Old Firm remained enmeshed in mediocrity

and inconsistency. Rangers may now have disentangled

Rangers were without Andy Goram, Richard Gough, Jonas Thern and Paul Gascoigne, while Brian Laudrup was fit enough only to appear as a late substitute. Their absence, paradoxically, provided the basis for a show of strength. Gordon Durie scored a hat-trick and Jorg Albertz, whose goal from 25 yards provided the crescendo to his performance, was

the best player on the field. Neither would have featured if Rangers had not been beset by injuries and other disruptions. The dread that Walter Smith's squad had planted in opponents may have wilted in the past few months, but it could be about to flourish again. It remains for Rangers to prove that they can regularly tap their obvious potential.

Hearts, hounded and outplayed, will still believe that they might have staunched the resurgence. Rangers been 2-1 ahead when Gilles Rousset. Hearts goalkeeper, rational attempt to snatch the ball from the

feet Durie, who was facing the corner flag and moving away from the target. He felled the forward and Marco Negri converted the penalty in the 69th minute. Rino Gattuso, the Rangers midfield player, was sent off for a second bookable offence a few moments later, but his

team still gave the impres-sion of outnumbering the At Tynecastle, all the same, there is satisfaction to be found in the fact that falling two points behind the leaders is taken as a cue for distress. Elsewhere in Edinburgh, despondency still has an old-fashioned

guise. Having shamed themselves at Celtic Park. Hibernian are left to look back on a run of 13 matches without a victory. Celtic's display patchy, but whenever they

seemed to be stumbling through the script, Hibernian were swift to prompt them with a helpful error. Inepti-

TOP OF TABLE ated in the misunderstanding between centre

half and goalkeeper that left Henrik Larsson to stroll Celtic's fourth goal into the net. Attention, though, should fall on a general poverty of

standard. Hibernian are eager to receive offers for many of their players. Bidding is not expected to be intense. The club has made many cheap signings in the past couple of seasons and is in the position of a man buying regular lottery tick-ets in the belief that he is bound to strike it rich eventually.

Failure is bad enough, but the apparent lack of a strategy to dispel it is even more dispiriting for supporters. in those circumstances, clubs often settle for the dramatic gesture. Jim Duffy, the latest manager to grapple with Hibernian's problems, was appointed almost a year ago, but he must wonder if his future will extend much beyond

that anniversary.



Albertz congratulates Durie on his hat-trick

## Allardyce diet provides cure for relegation hangovers

Torquay United .....0 Notts County.....2

By DAVID POWELL

NOTTS County have moved clear at the top of the Nation-wide League third division and, at the halfway mark in the season, already they are nine points up on their haul from the whole of the last campaign. New season, new ream? Not really. More a change in approach.

In six seasons, County have slipped from the highest of the four divisions to the lowest. relegated last May as the second division's bottom club. By the time Sam Allardyce arrived as manager in January, the third division was beckoning and he could not save them. This season. though, he has made winners out of losers. The team is

largely unchanged. "It is the training methods and eating habits that the gaffer has brought in that has made the difference," Darren Ward, the goalkeeper, said after the win on Saturday. Not the most appropriate time, perhaps, for Ward to bring up the subject of food but dietary advice had, he insisted, played a significant part, along with twice-a-day training, in raising the players' fitness levels. Last weekend Ward went

out for a family meal and, soon afterwards, most of the party fell ill. He is awaiting the result of tests to discover whether it was food poisoning. However, as the only professional goalkeeper at the club, he had to play in the midweek FA Cup defeat by Preston North End. "I was feeling drained with nothing inside me," he said. Against Torquay, he celebrated feeling

well again in splendid style. Sean Farrell scored the goals but Ward was no less influential. Torquay, after three successive League wins, were repelled by nine notable saves from Ward. Saves I would expect to make, breadand-butter stuff," he suggested. Just can't stop thinking

about food, can he? Some were elementary, such as those that kept out Gittens. Others, however, were more brandy butter than bread and butter.

As Torquay sought to cancel out Farrell's ninth-minute goal from an angled drive, Ward was alert to the danger posed by a pass from Watson to Hill, rushing out to block the volley. Caught off his line when Hapgood tried his luck from 40 yards, Ward scurried back to tip over. From a rare County attack,

Farrell scored again, firing in Finnan's cross after 72 minutes. Still Torquay refused to concede but Ward again displayed athleticism to keep out Gurney's volley. Poor Torquay. They had gone to all that trouble decorating the game with colourful lights only to find Ward keeping their hands off the switch.

TORQUAY UNITED (3-5-2): K Veyeay — J Gitters, A Watson, J Robinson — A Gurrey, L Happood (sub: S Tully, 82min), P Mirchel, C Leadbiter, K Hill (sub: J Roberts, 57) — R NOTTS COUNTY (4-4-2). D Ward — I Hendon, G Strodder, M Redmile, D Peace — M Robson (sub: A Kleomye, 70), S Deny, I Baraclough, S Finnen — S Famal (sub: P Robinson, 82), G Jones (sub: G Marindele, 84).

#### Kendall plans to make French connection

By Our Sports Staff

MICKAEL MADAR, the France striker, is expected to sign for Everton. Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, confirmed yesterday that negotiations for a free transfer were at an advanced stage and the Deportivo La Cortina player is only waiting for clearance from the Spanish club before flying to Merseyside to join the FA Carling Premiership strugglers.

"We have opened negotiations with the player and the club," Kendali said. "We are now waiting for confirmation from Deportivo that he is available, as we understand, on a free transfer." Madar could be signed and

cleared in time to be in the squad for Everton's next match, away to Manchester United on Boxing Day. Kendall flew to Spain to

watch the 29-year-old France international on Thursday and was not - as widely reported — at the game with Valencia to spy on the latter's highly rated Croatian forward, Goran Vlaovic. Everton have been led to

believe that a clause is written into Madar's contract allowing him to leave for nothing when he wants to. It is an unusual arrangement, but Kendall said: "It exists because Deportivo had a Brazilian coach who brought in a lot of his own players, and Madar was pushed down the pecking order a bit. Then he had a serious injury last season and has only just got back into the team."

Bernard Lama, the Paris Saint-Germain goalkeeper, has agreed to join West Ham United on loan, Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, moved quickly after losing Ludek Miklosko for eight weeks with a knee injury. Lama is likely to make his debut in the home match against Coventry City on Boxing Day.

Terry Venables, the former England coach at present in charge of Australia, is among the candidates being considered by South Africa to replace Clive Barker, their coach, who resigned at the weekend.

## of Rushden to be deflected Rushden and Diamonds 2

By Walter Gammie

RUSHDEN and Diamonds, having lost 3-1 to Hayes on their own patch just three weeks earlier and suffered defeat at their hands in the Spalding Cup in October, were bothered and occasionally bewitched by their hosts in the first half of a lively Vauxhall Conference contest at Church Road on Saturday.

Hayes produced some sparklingly sharp midfield play and Mark Hall conjured a goal with a beautifully judged chip in the 29th minute. Yet Rushden managed to catch their breath and construct a fine goal in firsthalf stoppage time that can-celled out Hayes's efforts and went on to claim a victory they clearly relished. Mison weighted a perfect pass for-ward for Collins to run on and steer the ball past the right hand of the advancing Meara.

The goal pointed the way for

Rushden to produce incisive

interchanges of their own, that made them a new force at the start of the second half, and they stood the match on its head by going into the lead in the 55th minute.

Hackett emphasises refusal

Collins, a key player in Rushden's rise and not one likely to be shovelled through the revolving door at Nene Park that has seen Brian Talbot, their head coach, use 35 players this season, helped to create the goal. A surging run carried him to the byline, Hamsher, in support, delivered the ball to West - on loan from Leyton Orient - and he squared a pass on the edge of the penalty area to Hackett, whose shot came to rest in the net after cannoning in off both

Hayes's determination to work their way back into the match saw them lift the tempo even higher and Mick Thorpe, the referee, felt that an increasing undercurrent of niggling justified a rash of yellow cards that soared to a count of seven

(5-2 to Rushden). Although Sparks hooked over an open goal after Smith, under pressure, dropped a

corner, the Rushden defence. which features a familiar figure in Whyte, 36, the former Arsenal and Leeds United player, largely restricted Hayes to shots from distance as Hall tried to emulate, and Haynes to copy, his first-half goal.

The urgency with which Talbot paced the touchline jabbing at his watch as the referee discovered five minutes' stoppage time, and the whistle, indicated how important Rushden considered their triumph.

With Kettering Town, their local rivals, doing them an unexpected favour by winning 3-1 at Morecambe and Hednesford Town ending Halifax's 100 per cent home record after a 1-1 draw before a crowd of 3,338 at The Shay, they moved a fraction closer to the final summit.

HAYES (3-5-2); R Meara — A Watts (sub. C Boothe, 83min), C Spaiks, N Bunce — J Brady, D Wilmson, N Roddis, M Feif, L Flynn — B Hammett (sub: J Haynes, 68), M Randatt.

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# Graveney must quickly grasp captaincy nettle



Hollioake: convincing

be the solution to the Along-term project of identifying an heir to the England Test-match captaincy. He may not even be a genuine Test-match player. But in remarkably short time he has demonstrated convincing leadership credentials in what must now be considered the separate game of one-day cricket. His future, and there-by that of Michael Atherton,

must be immediately defined. While Hollioake was supervising England's desert spe-cialists in the final of the Champions Trophy on Friday. Atherton was flying off on holiday, unsure of his role — if any - in future England oneday teams. As he remains caprain of his country, at least in the cricket that matters most, this is a situation that must not

The sensible course of action, evidently already in the mind of David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, is the swift and decisive one. Now that the Sharjah party is home, Atherton should be contacted in Jamaica and told that he is in charge of the West tactical notions of Raymond Indies tour until the five Tests are complete. Command

back to Hollioake for the series of five one-day internationals. It is an unorthodox arrangement. Until recently, it would have been regarded as bizarre and unworkable. That, however, was while England were labouring under the misapprehension that one-day cricket could be conducted with the same players and a similar approach to the five-day variety. This, combined with a shamefully inadequate prepa-ration period and the obsolete

and Ally Brown would have

liked to, but neither man held

throwing from the deep was

There was a man of the

tournament, though, and it was not Carl Hooper, for all his runs and wickets. If such

an award means anything,

then surely it means the man

who contributed more than

anybody else to his team

winning it, and that chap was

extremely impressive.

should then pass temporarily

Alan Lee says there should be no delay in confirming roles for Adam Hollic ake and Michael Atherton

Illingworth, then team manager, helps to explain the lameness of England's cricket in the last World Cup. Hollioake's accession. 18 months before the pext competition, would be a serious mark of intent that things will be different this time round.

Certain points need stressing. England have not suddenly become one-day wonders under the thoroughly modern Hollicake. The Sharjah sucvincing, needs to be seen in calm perspective. The absent suddenly become yesterday's man, not even so far as the one-day team is concerned. The three strongest one-day sides in the world - Sri Lanka, South Africa and Australia - have not played in Sharjah. England's opponents there have recently completed

Test series, which can often be more of a handicap than playing after a rest period. As England have so often discovered, taking a party chosen for Test cricket, with its inherent afterthought of a limited-overs event is usually a recipe for

party, which showed by its unity and vibrancy every indication of forming the nucleus of a competitive World Cup challenge. When England pick a specific team for one-day cricket and enter such an arena uncluttered of mind, they are pretty good at it — witness their exemplary record in the Texaco Trophy. which traditionally launches the home international season. and specifically their 3-0 de-

molition of Australia in May. Nobody was questioning Atherton's leadership then, much less his batting. In the second match, at the Oval, he played with uninhibited conviction to make 113 not out in a run-chase. He can be an effective, stabilising force in a one-day game and bridles vhenever his record or input

ton deserves the right to challenge for a place in the one-day side, in the Caribbean and beyond. He has no wish to be among those dispatched home before the final formight of the tour and ideally, no doubt, he would prefer to remain in charge. However, so long as the decision is taken and explained, he will accept the logic and momentum of

It is more than simply a fresh face for a fresh challenge, more than mere cosmetics. Hollioake has shown an empathy with the particular demands of one-day cricket, a flair and enthusiasm that Atherton, steeped in the more solemn and profound business over five days, has sometimes lacked. Properly and sensitively managed, two captains really can be better than one.



#### CRICKET

## Stewart's example sets course for one-day achievers

ENGLAND could not have achieved much more than they did at the Champions Trophy in Sharjah. Though Adam Hollioake, the captain. spoke freely of the mistakes they made, they won four games of competitive cricket against teams with more highly regarded players than their own and won them well. By any standards, the tournament was a triumph for the leader and the led.

It is possible to read too much into the result, so far as the forthcoming tour of West Indies is concerned, because Test cricket in the Caribbean is vastly different to a one-day shebang in the Arabian desert. It is possible, also, to read too little into it. England established a good team spirit and played winning cricket with a smile. Several players returned home with their reputations enhanced.

First among equals was Matthew Fleming, the Kent all-rounder, who was there only because Darren Gough was spending time at home with his family. Fleming's bowling helped to win the first ame, against India, and his batting and bowling did much to beat West Indies in the final. Never for a moment did he look fazed by his introduction to international cricket.

Dougie Brown, of Warwickshire, was another successful first-timer. Right from the start, in the two warm-up matches in Lahore before the tournament, his mind was fully on the job in hand. Twice

SOUTH AFRICA'S pace bowlers scythed through Aus-

tralia A's lower order at the

Gabba ground in Brisbane

yesterday to provide their side

with a timely confidence boost

ahead of the first Test against

Australia in Melbourne, start-

ing on Boxing Day. Lance Klusener and Shaun Pollock

took the last five wickets for 17

runs to dismiss the host

country's second-string side

over, he showed great determination with the bat and held a superb catch in the deep at an important stage of the Paki-stan match. He seemed to enjoy everything about the tour, short as it was, and won an A rating from those around

There were other excellent performances. Mark Ealham bowled with relentless accuracy, never better than against Pakistan, when Saeed Anwar took 16 runs from his second over. Far from being defeated by this fine batsman's aggression, the Kent man refused to give Pakistan another hit.

Graham Thorpe batted with good sense, putting down a firm anchor on two occasions for unbeaten half-centuries. and Hollioake led the side with a relaxed determination, if such a description is acceptable. Perhaps Graeme Hick



he took wickets in his first Fleming: rose to challenge Klusener and Pollock

while Pollock finished with

four for 68, giving South

Africa a first-innings lead of

128 after they had declared at

458 for nine. The visitors extended their

advantage to 242 by the close

on the third day, scoring 114

for three in their second

innings. Bacher and Gary

Kirsten, the openers, went cheaply, but Cullinan re-

mained on 50 not out.

#### undoubtedly Alec Stewart who at the relatively advariced age of 34, is getting younger with the years. As one of the two men absolutely certain of his place in both England sides, Thorpe being the other, Stewart faces

a formidable task in the next couple of years. The fact that he keeps wicket and opens the batting, and keeps the team's engine ticking over with his enthusiasm, does nothing to should have made more runs diminish his role. But he never

complains. He simply straps on his pads and does his best. Stewart's hundred in the first game, against India, got England's tournament off to a flyer. He had a decisive hand later in that match, when he stumped Tendulkar, a pretty little dismissal to set beside his stumping of Brian Lara on Friday that was the sight of the week. When, years from now, he is snoozing by the fireside, and wondering whatever be-came of all those players he used to know, he can remember that wonderful moment in Sharjah, and their faces will

come back one by one.
In four matches Stewart conceded one bye, stood up to the medium-pacers, held catches, ran people out and effected those two essential stumpings. And he made runs, boldly, quickly and effectively. A year ago, when he was dropped by England, somebody wrote he was an international player in the past tense only. I am delighted

to have been proved so thoroughly wrong.
One or two of these players may fall by the wayside but most will go all the way to the World Cup in June 1999. The Champions Troohy marks the beginning of that journey and, even at this distance, the view looks remarkably clear.



Edwards celebrates the stumping of Suthershini Sivanantham by the England wicketkeeper, Jane Cassar

## Edwards puts Sri Lanka in spin

Sri Lanka by nine wickets in Chandigarh yesterday to book their passage through to the semi-finals of the women's World Cup.

There was never any doubt that England would defeat an inexperienced Sri Lanka side but, after their humbling at the hands of Australia in Nagpur last week, it was vital that they achieved victory here with a minimum of fuss and plenty of overs to spare. England benefited enor-

mously from Sri Lanka's decision to bat first on winning the toss; not only did Sri Lanka consign themselves to batting when the pitch was at its liveliest, but it gave the England bowlers the opportunity to bowl first for the first time on this tour.

One criticism of England in their earlier matches has been a lack of urgency in the field. Here, though, Clare Taylor and Melissa Reynard underlined that, in the right conditions, England possess effective bowlers.

Taylor is an experienced campaigner and, as the ball swung prodigiously in humid conditions, she reined in her attacking instincts and FROM THRASY PETROPOULOS IN CHANDIGARH

MOHALI SCOREBOARD

erated move was rewarded for her patience with the wickets of the openers in her second and

sixth overs. Reynard had Rasanjali Silva all at sea three times in successive balls, defeating the left-hander's forward prod in her opening over. After a streaky edge between wicketkeeper and slip, Silva's luck ran out as she edged to Jan Brittin, who stooped low to take a wonderful reflex catch at slip, giving Reynard the first of two wickets in a spell

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sought merely to control the that saw her concede only ten ins in nine overs. It was left to Charlotte Edwards to mop up the tail.

with her occasional leg breaks, although she was the first to admit that her haul of three wickets, all stumped, flattered her and was a reflection of Sri Lanka's inept batting. The only real con-cern for England was the inexcusable total of 26 wides in 43 overs shared among the

bowlers. A target of 105 was never likely to trouble England and Edwards was soon into her

S Metcalle. "K Smithies, † J Cassar, K Leng, M Reynard, C Connor, L Macleod and C Taylor did not bat. FALL OF WICKET: 1-51

BOWLING: De Silva 7.1-1-21-0; Kanyewasam 4-1-18-0, Indraiatha 4-1-17-1; R Fernando 1-0-15-0; Sivanathan 3-0-13-0; Gunaratha 3-0-14-0.

Umpires: Jasbir Singh and H Sekham.

OTHER MATCH: Lucknow: Australia 223-4 (8 Calver 74): Holland 108-6. Australia win by 115 runs

2-0 win at Exeter. Fran Ripley,

the St Austell captain, re-ferred to their opponents as

"local rivals", even though the journey requires a round trip

The Cornish club has never

finished better than fifth in the

of nearly three hours.

Total (1 wkt, 22.1 overs)...

stride. Helen Plimmer contributed only seven runs to a first-wicket partnership of 51. and as En iano cioseo in on victory, Edwards was doing with the bowling much as she

Her 57 not out took her aggregate in this World Cup to 340 runs off 338 balls at an average of 113.33, the only blemish being a duck against Australia. As ever, though, Edwards was unfazed by her achievements. The seamers bowled well and they made it difficult early on, until I started knocking it about that is," she said. "Sri Lanka will be a good side in a few

Today, however, Sri Lanka are not a good side and though England could have done little more, they will know that a semi-final in Madras on Boxing Day, most probably against New Zealand, who play Ireland to-morrow, will be a different

proposition.
India and South Africa battle if out today for the right to meet Australia, who defeated Holland in their quarterfinal on Saturday, in the other semi-final in Guwahati on Wednesday.

## Shah jets in to lead misfiring

England FROM JOHN STERN IN PORT ELIZABETH

OWAIS SHAH, the Middle 🌡 sex batsman, will captain England Under-19 today against South Africa Schools Colts at the township ground of Zwide here after arriving in the

country yesterday afternoon. Shah, 19, has missed the first three weeks of the tour in order to complete his first term at university in North London. With the second four-day inca Under-19 just after Christmas, this one-day game and another tomorrow against South Africa Schools

are important both for Shah's own preparation as a batsman and his authority as captain of the 15-strong party. He takes over as captain from Paul Franks, the Nottinghamshire seam bowler. and Joe Tucker, of Somerset, has returned home, having

been in South Africa both as

Shah's replacement and as

cover for fast-bowling injuries. An immediate impact with bat from Shah is both desirable and expected because the batting has been the most disappointing aspect of the NatWest-sponsored tour so far. Having drawn their three three-day games and the first international, England lost their first limited-overs match of the trip on Saturday by three wickets to South Africa Students: Only Robert Key, of Kent, made more than 19 and he batted excellently for an unbeaten 105 out of 194 all out 1 a score which was never likely to be enough although the off spinners, Jonathan Powell and Graeme Swann, at least made the students work for

their victory. The position was similar the day before, when England forced a draw in the three-day game against the students. Graham Napier, the feisty Essex all-rounder, made a century, yet no other batsman made more than 13.

"Most of the batsmen have made a score but it is worrying that we haven't yet clicked as a know themselves what is required of them and they can explain what they're doing wrong but they haven't yet been able to put it right. Owais is our most experienced batsman so if he can set a standard, then, hopefully, others will follow."

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#### **CYCLING**

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#### Elliott approaching the end of the road

By PETER BRYAN

MALCOLM ELLIOTT, one of year later and victory in the only two men to win the Milk Race and the Kellogg's Tour, has also been one of Britain's most successful road riders abroad, especially in Spain and the United States.

Now, at the age of 30 and after the collapse of his team in the United States, the Sheffield rider is facing possible retirement - but it is not a decision he will take irrevocably.
"There's some truth in the

rumour that I might retire but I haven't made a firm decision yet," he said yesterday. "There are a couple of leads I am following up and, until they are resolved one way or the other, I won't consider myself

Elliott holds the Milk Race record for the number of stage victories (17) in the event that he won overall in 1987. He followed up with an outright win in the Kellogg's race a

tour of Spain points competition, plus two stages, in 1988.
If next year is to be Elliott's last in competition, he would like to go out with a winning Prutour, which ends in central London on May 31.

Graeme Obree, another for mer champion on the comeback truil to international competition, produced a fast turn of speed - for this time of the year - to win the Fullarion Wheelers ten-mile time-trial at Irvine yesterday.

Obree wanted "to sneak under" his own Scoriish record of 19min 29sec, which he set last September, and was slightly disappointed with his time yesterday of 19min 46sec. He did, however, leave the rest of the field trailing in his wake by nearly three minutes.

#### HOCKEY: ALDOUS AND MCALLEN PROVE TOO STRONG FOR ASHFORD

## Harleston achieve peak performance

LIZZIE ALDOUS and Debbie McAllen each scored a brace to help Harleston Magpies to a 5-1 win against Ashford and into pole position in the East Super League. The victory enabled the former National League team to go into the Christmas break two points clear of St Albans, who have a

match in hand.
Aldous and McAllen were each on target with first-half goals. Ashlord hit back to reduce the deficit after the interval, but Harleston regained the initiative. Sharon Davies hammered in a penalty corner to put Harleston 3-1 ahead and, after McAllen drove home her second, Aldous converted a lastminute penalty corner to make

Sarah-Jane Sedgwick, the Sevenouks captain, netted her fortieth league goal, and her first for two seasons, when she hit a second-half winner in her ream's 2-1 victory over Welwyn Garden City, who remain stranded at the bottom of the By Cathy Harris past the startled Welwyn goal-

table. Julie Evans gave Welwyn an early lead before Cathy Gilliat-Smith levelled the scores with a spectacular goal in the twentieth minute, of the table, moving four her reverse-stick shot flying points clear of Exmouth after a

#### Tigers leave it late to earn their stripes

BARFORD TIGERS emerged as winners of the Midlands indoor club championship after an 8-7 victory over Stourport at Wyre Forest Glades Arena, Kidderminster. yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes). At half-time Stourport led

5-3 and they went 7-6 ahead with five minutes to go. But Tigers hit back in a late flurry. with Jasbinder Chana scoring the winning goal. Barford and Stourport have

qualified for the preliminary

round of the EHA indoor cup

кеерег. In the West, St Austell extended their run at the head

of results from last season. In

competitions yesterday; Don-

caster and Hull qualified

from the northern area, Isca

and Bath Buccaneers from

Old Loughtonians retained

the East super league title

after they won all six matches

in the round-robin series that

the western division.

league and Ripley concedes that success this season is due to a combination of new signings and an excellent spir-it, thanks to lengthy journeys spent travelling together to on January 10 and 11. The East will have three teams in this round. St Albans, as holders, Old Loughtonians and Chelmsford on the basis

Newcomers, Linda Webb and Sam Buckingham, who has recently returned to the club after serving with the British Army in Bosnia, have quickly made their mark to form an effective parmership. Webb applied the finishing touch to give her side 2-0 cushion in the second half, after a superb move with Heather Tilsley. Tammy Messenger had set up Ripley to crack in the opening

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#### **ATHLETICS** Radcliffe loses out to

By Our Sports Staff

Wami on final lap

PAULA RADCLIFFE prevented an Ethiopian clean sweep of the top five places in the first leg of the IAAF World Cross Challenge in Brussels yester-day, but the Briton could not prevent Gete Wami from winning the women's sixkilometre race in 20min 45sec. Wami and Raddiffe battled alone up front until the Ethiopian broke away on the final lap to win by three seconds. Radcliffe finished second while Sally Barsosio, the prerace favourite and the world 10,000-metres champion, from

Kenya, came sevenih. James Moiben, a littleknown Kenyan, won the men's race when he, too, pulled away with a lap to run. He was followed home by two other Kenyans, Thomas Nyariki and Paul Kosgei Casten Jorgensen, the European champion, was fifth

and Keith Cullen was the

place. The Great Britain shot internationals, Judy Oakes and Mark Proctor, boosted their chances of competing in the European indoor champion-ships in Valencia next year by achieving the qualifying standard at the Puma indoor meeting at Crystal

Palace. Oakes, 39, who holds the record for the number of British international vests, surpassed the 17.80-metres qualifying mark with a winning effort of 18.14m for

Croydon. Proctor, of Newham and Essex Beagles, looked even more convincing as he threw 20.18m with his opening attempt. His throw was not only better than the 18.90m € qualifying standard but also broke the stadium record of

19.42m...

# Pleasures and perils of recorded highlights

hether it was a sea-sonal surfeir of late nights or Frank Warren telling Radio 4's To-Hamed's latest bout was primarily about "introducing recording.

It might be worth the satelday programme that Naseem that the goings on at Madison Square Garden could carry on. square carocardana carry on without me. Live, anyway — I would watch the highlights package, two showings of which the next morning were included in my pre-booked 19.95 package. I'd paid my money and now I was making

BSkyB admits it has little idea of how many people do the same each time a pay-per-

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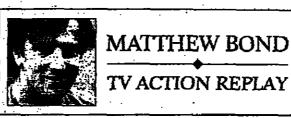
research apparently exists to tell how many people who have pre-booked the bout watch it live at some outland-

hite channel finding out though, especially if the view-ing patterns follow those experienced by Channel 5 last month, when it showed the Holyfield-Moorer contest. Some 225,000 watched it live, according to unaudited figures, despite a time difference that ensured it wasn't over until 6.30am. But at 9am, a well-scheduled recording se cured an audience of 400,000. If that pattern was anything

guests a little more heavyweight and indeed familiar than John Thaxton and Richie Woodhall.

But at least Dominik Holyer, taking over from a presumably exhausted Paul Dempsey, didn't hang about. A few pleasantries with his guests and it was straight over lan Darke and Glenn McCrory for the main event. For an extraordinarily long time this looked like consisting of Hamed silhouetted behind a white sheet.

Darke explained that Home Box Office (HBO), the Amerion the ring walk being cut



minutes passed and McCrory ran out of ways of saying "America has never seen anything like this before"
you got the feeling that things were still not going entirely to plan. Hamed shadow-boxed, then he shadow-shimmied a bit and, after what seemed like ages, sensibly shadow-stood through the sheet (there were rumours that it should have

burst into flames) and made

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his way awkwardly down a steep ramp towards the ring. The artist formerly unknown as Prince la brilliant line that Darke generously attributed to its American originator) had arrived.

The contest, of course, was terrific and the coverage wasn't bad either. HBO had some wonderfully accurate reand Darke and McCrory showed that they are perfectly well aware that at least as many people watch Harned to see him lose as win. "It's an unpalatable truth, but at the moment Hamed is being outboxed." Darke said lasciviously in the second round. Two rounds, a few inter-

views and a bit more chat with Messrs Thaxton and Woodhall later, the highlights went straight into Jones against McKinney, another great bout. It was after this that things began to go wrong, as Sky tried to salvage something from the wreckage of Friday night's card at the London Arena. You knew something was up when they didn't start with the top-of-the-bill bout between Robin Reid and Thulane Malinga, but with the horribly bloody encounter

watched over a late breakfast. If these were the highlights, it was an evening well beyond being rescued by the reliably honest Simon Reed and his cocommentator, Jim Watt. Sky. not a channel one associates

with restraint, started its cov-

erage of the Reid contest ... from the eighth round.
Recorded highlights are normally best when you don't exceptions. Sky, for instance, reported a big, morning-after demand for the second Holyfield v Tyson bout once news spread of the famous are highlights, such as Grandstand's coverage of the cricket

through can't quite believe it. Perhaps it was all in the editing, but for most of the very welcome 50 minutes of highlights on Saturday it looked as if West Indies were certain to win. Cutaway shots to a sun-bathing Sally Gunnell and placards improbably wishing us "Happy Crissmiss" there were aplenty, but of Matthew Fleming's vital 33 runs there was almost no sign. By the end we had still managed to win but even Rider looked surprised. "A final which certainly had its tensions as far as England was concerned." And its eccentricities as far as broadcasting is

#### 'He is simply not manly enough. Football people suspect him of reading novels and wearing scent'

# Dashing Ginola wins his spurs

in sport. In other areas of mass entertainment, good looks and flair are generally regarded as a bonus. But, in sport, it causes a very obvious gender divide.

To take an extreme example, the advent of Andre Agassi in 1991 was greeted by astute female Wimbledon viewers as the most exciting event in tennis since the Daumhin sent bails to King Henry V. "Come on, Andre!" they yelled. The fact that Agassi wore a shirt specially short to reveal six inches of matted turnmy on follow-through seemed no reason to cast toffee-nosed aspersions on his self-evident abilities in wielding a bat. But male aficionados, their judgments dazzled by a perceived sexual threat, would initially have none of it. They did what jealous men always do — they refused to be impressed and made lumpen-witted jokes about their adversary's name.

"Bah," they said. "Flashy crowd-" pleaser...humbug...bring back Lendi...'A gassy' is right....fat man struggling to get out ... pit pony ... don't know what you see in him . . not a serious sportsman ... pigeon-toed ... vacuous ... oh

my God he's in the quarter-finals." I mention all this because a strangely reminiscent scene took place in the press room before Spurs v Barnsley on Saturday — a march in which David Ginola momentously scored two goals. On a monitor in our cheerless antechamber was playing a video of a recent Tottenham club dinner at which a player-of-the-year award was presented to Sol Campbell. And every time a woman appeared on screen saying that her favourite player was David Ginola, the gathered scribes assumed a smirky, superior expression and laughed.

Now, I can see that Ginola has his drawbacks as a team player. He skips around the field singing



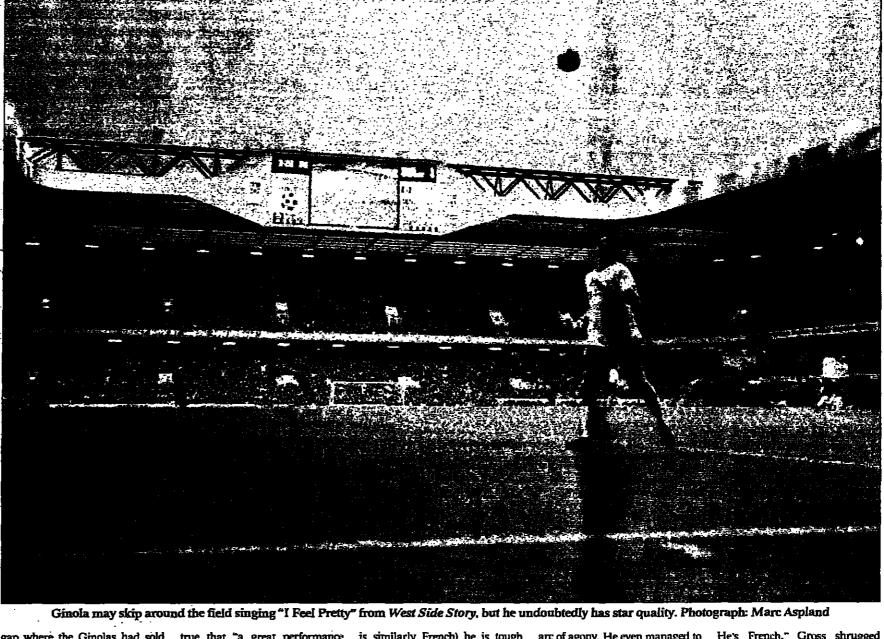


I Feel Pretty" from West Side Story, encircled by his own personal spotlight; he disdains tackling; he adjusts his hair, and he is forever backheeling balls in an airy, read-my-mind manner to make wrong-footed team-mates

It's obvious that Campbell is a lot more use to Tottenham, that he is a genuine star player. Ginola is no all-rounder, by any means. Kenny Dalglish showed him the quick route out of Newcastle and Christian Gross isn't jumping around much, either. This success was not the work of one man," the Tottenham manager said after their 30 victory. Please can we talk about not just David Ginola." But, at the same time, it's not daft girliness to be impressed by him or

to enjoy his star quality.

Tottenham know he's a crowdpleaser, after all. They put him on the cover of the programme in a the well-stuffed rack of signed player portraits had a noticeable



gap where the Ginolas had sold out. "He's a star, isn't he?" I urged a colleague in the press box after Ginola had scored his two goals and the crowd was roaring his name. "He's got charisma." But it

was no use. "Mmm. He's a flair player," came the grudging, judicious re-ply. Had I held a gun to his head and said: "Say something nice about Ginola or say goodbye to Mister Brain," I truly believe that's the highest praise I could have got out of him.

Annoyingly, Ginola's excellent performance will change nobody's opinion of him: "Why couldn't you do that against Coventry or Chelsea, you long-haired wet girlie?" is what they will say. And it's quite

true that "a great performance against Barnsley" is not destined for the tombstone. Watching Barnsley thrash about (Help, heip!") in the shallows of the FA Carling Premiership is emphatically not like watching Brazil.

n Saturday, they put up the sort of defence usually associated with puppies defending a slipper. Moreover, their goalkeeper. Lars Leese, had made the fundamental error (Lars, you fool) of coating his gloves with Vaseline. But it's not because he's unpredictable that they dismiss Ginola as a footballer. It's because he's French and namby-pamby. Leboeuf is OK with the chaps because (though he is similarly French) he is tough and bald and doesn't do adverts for knitwear.

"Wait till the cold weather comes," I was darkly warned last year when I was first charmed by Ginola's performances for Newcastle United. No, Ginola is simply not manly enough for people who know about football; they suspect him of reading novels and wearing

He also registers pain when tackled in an unacceptably foreign, dying-bleeding-swan manner. This counts against him considerably. On Saturday, when a tackle brought his legs zedbedding to the ground, he waved operatically for succour - arm extended, hand limp, a graceful

are of agony. He even managed to sit on the ball on his way down, a manoeuvre I have never witnessed in a felled footballer before. "Ouch!", "Ooh!" or even "Ah!" might have been appropriate responses as Ginola sank so beauti-

fully, but all he got from the press box, of course, was "Pah!" Gross confessed that he'd used some cunning Swiss psychology on Ginola, offering him a bottle of champagne if he scored with a header. This challenge had been superbly met and it was nice to think of a manager eschewing stick for carrot. But how weird to think that a Frenchman with lots of money doesn't buy his own champagne. Swiss psychology is in its infancy, I fear. "He's happy.

He's French, Gross shrugged when asked about it. (Note to Alan Sugar: tempt Gross up Premiership with promise of big cheese

with holes in.)
I suppose, to be fair, I wouldn't like to rely on David Ginola to lift my team out of the relegation zone. Unfortunately, Ginola only looks truly comfortable when he's effortlessly outclassing everybody on the pitch, including his own teammates. Perhaps it's time to do what Southampton did with Le Tissier: accept his limitations and celebrate his strengths. There are no crossed teeth and big burn to overlook in this case. Ginola is Le Tissier but with Brigitte Bardot thrown in. Surely there's something to be made of that?

By Simon Barnes

MAGIC numbers and free champagne: what more could possibly be desired by anyone with sporting blood in the veins? Once again The Times is able to offer bottled bliss, in the form of Nicolas Feuillatte champagne, to anyone who contributes a Magic Number this Christmas.

A Magic Number is one that carries immense sporting Weight Some numbers carry weight for all time, like Don Bradman's 99.94 or Torvill and Dean's 6. But every year

throws up new numbers.
I will judge the numbers for their champagne-worthiness and entries should be sent to

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or by fax to 0171 782 5211. The final collection is to be published shortly after Christmas, so do it soon.

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#### Skating should receive backing

From Mr Dennis L. Bird

Sir, It is not strictly true to say (Sport in Brief, December 11) that 1998 'will be the first time that Great Britain has not had a full ice skating team at a Winter Olympics". In 1932 we sent only four girls; there were no men or pairs. And there have been other occasions (1952, for example) when we had no skater in the men's event.

As regards the present situation, I think it deplorable that the British Olympic Association should interfere when the International Skating Union has accepted that our top pair and dance couple are qualified to compete at Nagano. All four are good skaters who have spent years - and much of their money - training; they deserved their chance to compete in the Olympics.

Yours sincerely. DENNIS L BIRD (The Times skating correspondent, 37 The Avenue, Shoreham by Sea, West Sussex BN43 5GJ.

Referees' power From Mr Phil Whittick

Sir, Danny Baker is absolutely right to rail against the number of players sent off by referees who are given "unassailable power" to cuntrol

#### **SPORTS LETTERS** Peterborough United and the strange art of patronage Bookmakers

From Mr Kevin Martin

Sir. As a Peterborough United supporter, depressingly far through what sometimes feels like a life sentence, can I express how completely underwhelmed I am by the notion (Home News, December 4) that the club, through its chairman, Peter Boizot, is about to become a patron of

I should think that the great majority of the 10,000 or so who sat with me, frozen to the marrow, through a derby the other evening are more likely to be sick as parrots than

chests out with pride this season if we gained promotion. That would be more likely if Mr Boizot gave us the Monet. KEVIN MARTIN.

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receipts will end up with the RA.

Mr Boizot may have persuaded Mr Fry that this is an

excellent idea, but there again, he pays his wages, not mine. As a club, we would be far more likely to stick our

league football matches. Every week we see players sent off for what appears to be no more than petty fouls and seemingly innocuous tackles. Of course players should be sent off in exceptional circumstances, like fighting and dangerous play (which are rare), but a sending-off should

only be a last resort. But we must not blame referees entirely. It is the Football Association who instruct these officials, and their casual approach to the sending-off of players simply demonstrates, once again, the arrogant approach of the

game's administrators to the watch-I look forward to the day when a supporter sues the FA, on whose behalf some petulant official has removed one or more of the star entertainers advertised to appear.

Yours sincerely, PHIL WHITTICK. 19 Coed Pella Road, Colwyn Bay, Conwy LL29 7BA.

#### Claim to fame

From Mr Magnus K. Moodie

Sir, The Edinburgh Academy has had 91 of its former pupils selected to play international rugby, 87 for Scotland and four for England. Of these, one is female, Margaret McHardy, who played seven times for Scotland last year. Barry Stewart, who won the second of his two caps against Australia two years ago, is our latest male international.

Among our more distinguished alumni are "Hippo" Reid, one of the first superstars of world rugby, first capped in 1881, W. M. C. McEwan, who played for both Scotland and South Africa, "Phil" McPherson, who captained the 1924 Scotland grandslam team while at Oxford University, and the immortally famous

Douglas Ellion When this subject came up for discussion at the club, we felt that perhaps there would not be a school on mainland Britain that could rival

Yours sincerely, MAGNUS K. MOODIE (Press & Media Officer), Edinburgh Academical Football Club, 47 Newhaven Main Street.

#### Rugby too aggressive

From Mr John E. V. Rose

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Sir, It is noticeable that the level of aggression in rugby union is increasing (Sports in Schools, December 8). Frequently in these circumstances, the referee is blamed for "losing control" of the game. Surely it is time that the coach and the captain took some responsibility for the actions of their own side and exercised the appropriate leadership?

Yours faithfully, JOHN E. V. ROSE, 22 Nassau Road, Barnes, SW13 9QE.

over the moon that the equivalent of all the evening's CTY Wolf From Mr Julian Williams

Sir, So here we go again. A leading horse owner has threatened to quit racing, the industry is pleading poverty and the bookmakers say that

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this has nothing to do with them. The racing industry has been bleating on about its problems for so long now it is becoming tedious. How many other sports benefit significantly from one of the country's only hypothecated taxes? And who pays this levy? The bookmaker? Certainly not. It is the punter.

While racing goes cap in hand once again to HM Treasury for a cut in betting duty, the owners threaten to leave, the bookmakers respond. where is the punter's voice?

It is time that racing put its house in order and the Government said enough is enough. Abolishing the levy would be a good start. Racing should streamline the fixture list. halve the number of courses and encourage attendance. It is also time that the bookmakers stopped pretending that they fund racing. And it is finally time that the owners stopped threatening and actually

Yours faithfully, JULIAN WILLIAMS. 1 Chestnut Hill, Eaton, Norwich NR4 6NL

## This week in THE TIMES



Tomorrow Have Arsenal been able to get their championship challenge back on track at Wimbledon?

Christmas Eve Word games: win champagne in The Times jumbo sports crossword

Boxing Day
The day for greys at
Kempton Park - Richard Dunwoody, above, compares the punters' favourites, Desert Or-chid and One Man. Plus: recall the highs and lows of 1997 in the

sports quiz of the year ■ Saturday

Reports and scores from all the Premiership football matches. Plus: Simon Barnes on a Kempton Park hero

## West Country team recapture their appetite for past glories in dismissing Pau



Evans, the Bath wing, grits his teeth in determination as he confronts the Pau half-back pairing at the Recreation Ground. Photograph: David Jones

## Bath's spirit returns in Heineken Cup

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

SO THE old Bath spirit did not die at Watford, it just lay dormant for a week. The most serious bout of introspection in which the club has been forced to indulge since its rise to the top of the English game ended at the Recreation Ground on Saturday with a place in the final of the Heineken Cup and a lap of honour to acknowledge the passionate support of their 8,000 followers.

It was not the beautiful game that Bath succeeded in playing towards the end of last season but it embraced that dogged quality so notably absent the previous Sunday, when Saracens scored 50 points against them. To turn that around in so short a time was a tribute to players and coaching staff but it will not be enough to win the final in Bordeaux on January 31; if Bath are to come anywhere near success they must embark over the next month on a confidence-enhancing round of domestic games.

ing-room this season. "We are still only 50 per cent towards what we can do," Jonathan Callard, the full back and assistant coach, said, "I hope we can make that significant improvement." He and his colleagues have started by playing for each other and reviving the basic handling skills that deserted them against Saracens, but there fortunately for Bath, found an

rugby, too, and when the opportunity to pull the brand from the fire was given them, in the closing stages, they lacked the nerve to take it. The pace and talent of their back division has been wellflagged but with Bath a mere six points ahead, they chose not to trust it but to kick away possession it took them so long to secure; even when their backs were running against forwards, they failed to keep ball in hand.

The positive side of our quarter-final against Leicester and of this semifinal was that Pau rugby was seen at its best," Henri Nieto. their director of rugby, said. Confidence has been a frag- There is no doubt that the

French club from the Pyrenees has been hurt by the constant accusations of foul play, which saw them hauled before the European Rugby Cup board earlier this season.

Had they scored the try that seemed there for the taking midway through the first half, Pau might have proved an even greater hurdle. Only a forward pass from Bacque to Cleda denied them and, thereafter, Bath deprived them of the time and space echo among their French they needed; it was the ambition of Andy Robinson, the Pau are new to this level of Bath coach, to see his players in the faces of their opponents throughout the 80 minutes and, led by the aggressive



Ubogu bursts through to score Bath's only try

Richard Webster, he was

before we match the great Bath teams of the past," Robinson said. Though he will not rely on it, Robinson will hope, too, that Jeremy Guscott - who returned to training last week after a slow recovery from a back condition - will be available to bring his mercurial talent to the final even if that then forces him to make a difficult choice between Callard, his goalkicker, and the effervescent Matt Perry at full back. Twice Perry looked likely to break the Pau line, once Adedayo Adebayo beat a way

> through the defence, thought about going himself but wisely fed Üboğu. Yet, after the interval Pau's game flickered into life. They developed worthwhile possession from the lineout and the depth of their passing was a joy to watch; it centred around Danniacq, though the land Danniacq, though the land Commonwealt might have key component might have been Brusque, their elegant full back, had he not lacked a shade of match sharpness after three weeks recovering from a knee injury. Having

through but Bath's game lay

more among their forwards

with the ageless Redman,

who dominated the lineout,

the athletic Lyle and the two

Welsh flankers, Webster and

Thomas. It was significant

that their try came from a

forward, Ubogu, though

these days you are as likely to

see a hooker lining up on the

wing - as, indeed, Regan

was when Ubogu completed

It was, though, a well-

worked score. Aucagne and Callard had exchanged pen-

alty goals but the full back

was adrift with two more

hefore he hit the line at an

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ruck from which Catt and de Glanville launched Lyle at the

line. The American strode

his dash for the line.

into an eight point lead, Pau vided the midfield link and Dantiacq's long pass drew Adebayo fatally infield and left Bernat-Salles free to scorch into the corner. The French were none too

happy when Adebayo's boot caught Bernat-Salles in the midriff, even less so when Triep-Capdevielle received a llow card for stamping. But Bath's final flurry forced them to attack from deep; had they been at home, they would surely have had the confidence to run the ball, but instead they chose to play for territory. With so young a side, they will be back and better for the experience but

Bath can enjoy the here and

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PAU: N Brusque; P Bernal-Seiles, D Dentisco, F Leich, Y Martin; D Aucagne, F Torossien; P Triep-Capdewelle (rep: S Bris, 12); J Rey, J-M Gonzales, A Lagouarde, T Clede (rep: T Mentieres, 82); S Keith, N Bacque, F Rolles (rep: S Vignolo, 55).

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## **Battling Brive** earn reward for endurance

(aet; 16-16 after 80min Brive win on tries).

FROM DAVID HANDS IN TOULOUSE

AMID scenes of mounting Gallic passion and huge excitement, Brive, the holders. made their way into the final of the Heineken Cup at the Stade de Toulouse yesterday and they will thank their stars that six weeks will pass before they play Bath in the final. Their physical and mental resources were drained to the limit in a tense climax.

Not only did they have to withstand the disappoint-ment of watching Christophe Lamaison, one of the Euroan game's most reliable ickers, miss a conversion to win the match in the last seconds of proper time but, deep into extra time, they saw Toulouse steal back the lead. Yet what he had failed to do earlier, Lamaison achieved in the final minute of time added on, his fourth penalty goal securing the draw and Brive a place in the final by virtue of scoring two tries to one.

There was an obstinacy to Brive that Toulouse, for all the internationals that swell their ranks, could not break down, a small-town cussedness that makes their second appearance in the final all the more worthy. They have put behind them the trauma of autumn, when they were embroiled in the battle with Pontypridd, and their true character emerged before a

disbelieving crowd of 27,000. The holders started the better, with Lamaison's first penalty and Magne seizing a well-worked try from the front of the lineout. In scoring, however, the flanker damaged his right knee.



heedless acts of violence that might have been more harshly punished.

The entire first half was punctuated by stoppages but inconvenienced; their attitude, and that of their supporters, reflected a team that was winning, even when the scoreboard showed other-

Bondouy, looping round from a scrum, scored their try and the tide of penalties and scrums ran heavily against Brive. But no matter the pressure - and they conceded six points for scrum col-- the Brive tight forwards hung on.

It was nip and tuck during the third quarter as the lead changed hands three times but at 16-11. Toulouse were set fair for their second final having won the tournament in 1996. The Carrat brothers thought otherwise. Starved of ball throughout the match, Jérôme found himself in space and carved an elegant line to within ten metres. Carbonneau flung out the longest of passes from the ruck and Sébastien, the older brother, scampered over some 15 metres wide of the

Lamaison's conversion. with two minutes of injury time played, seemed a formality but to his horror he pulled the ball left. His nerve held sufficiently to strike his third penalty from 42 metres in the first period of extra time but Delaigue did as much for Toulouse, and then thrust his club ahead with nine minutes remaining. With players slowing from fatigue. Arbizu, the little Argentinian; made one final dart and once more Toulouse offended: Lamaison from 27 metres

sent his colleagues into raptures and a city into despair. --

Dispagne.

BRIVE: A Panaud; J Carret, C Lameison, D Vendiffi, S Carret (rep: L Arbo, 95), 1.

Arbizu, P Cerbonneau; D Casadel, L Travers (rep: J C Woard, 75), D Laperne, E Alegret, Y Manhes, L van der Linden (rep: O Gouelland, 108), O Megne (rep: L Mallier, 20), F Duboisset (rep: R Sonnes, 40).

## Robinson becomes the ventriloquist without his dummy



here is no sense of impotence, surely, quite like the do observable impotence of the club coach. His every agitated action, from the devouring of an entire packet of wine gums to the parading back and forth from his place in the stand to the touchline, frowning and muttering mantras of complaints to himself, is testimony to his obsessive helplessness. Andy Robinson, the Bath coach, was a picture of furious powerlessness; of energy barely contained, of perves bared.

Every twitch of his arm, every crack of his gnarled knuckles, every whispered expletive was manifest proof that he was living every move on the field. His own moves, played out in his fervid mind, were perfect in every way, in preparation and execution; each man in his place, each pass minutely timed. Out on the pitch, however, things never work out quite in the same way. It is this gap between the ideal, as he would wish it, and the reality, as it happens, provokes this paralysis of unrealised performance. It is an 80-minute exercise in futility; a life suspended. A coach is the ventriloquist without his dummy; he knows the script but there is no action he can take to give it life. Mere words, that is all.

Thus it was an enormous relief to see Bath win this match and go forward to the Heineken Cup final, which they have promised themselves they would do for the past two seasons. To see a team win a game which for the most part they deserved to do is, quite

After witnessing Bath's triumph, Gerald Davies reflects on the sheer frustration of being a coach

Bath, whatever the defenders of their faith say, are a long way from being the formidable force that they have recently been. Probably, they have reached the final in their least ostentatious

would remain patient with such loose talk, not with all that pentup volatility about to explode. They have done it and that is it. Furthermore, with Newcastle, the only other English representative club left at this stage in European competitions, but who have now themselves departed.

we should all feel a certain hearty

year for a decade or more. It is

doubtful whether Robinson

uplift that the whole caboodle is not entirely dominated by the French clubs. This side of the English Channel we should be thankful that Bath's flag is still flying. But foremost we should be thankful that the West Country club did what they did for Robinson's sake. Observing him across the gangway in the stand was to feel the kind of penance he pays each time he watches his own club play. He is clearly a worrying sort of man. As a longstanding part of Bath's brotherhood, the lockerroom camaraderie, he cares.

himself used afterwards, particu-

crouched on his haunches. "Emotional" is the word he

larly to describe his response to the debacle of a half-century of points conceded against Saracens last weekend and the way they scarpered pretty sharpish from London afterwards. One hopes he is going to sleep a few nights from

"Fall back...go wide... watch them, watch them ... oh, ref-er-ee." The internal struggle was palpable. There was so much that he wanted to say but so little time to say it in the correct order. It was a mind and body in torment. His thoughts were racing ahead in the way that he must have wished his body could still do. He sometimes sat in his seat. At other times he

Eunuch-like, he is there at every scene. He observes what is going on. He knows what should be

done and how. But he is destined forever not to take part. This must be the ultimate disappointment.

He hardly enjoyed the luxury of
a smile, apart from those occasions that his team scored. Whether he did so at the end I do not know. When the final whistle blew, he was gone. A whooping great cheer seemed to hang in the air above where he had once been. In the wink of an eye he was seen. shoulder hunched to be racing across the pitch, chuckling to doubt to himself. It was what he

had wanted to do all afternoon. He was taking the swiftest route back to the dressing-rooms to rub shoulders with his victorious play-ers. He must have felt wonderful. I felt happy for him. For once that day he must have been at peace

We need to be exposed to this

## Students earn a distinction

THE semi-final draw in The Times

■ Students' European Rugby Championship has paired Toulouse with University College, Cork (UCC), and, in an all-Welsh clash, the University of Wales, Institute of Cardiff (UWIC) with Swansea. The draw, made by Tom Kiernan, the chairman of the five nations' comminee. follows qualification games in four pools, in England, Wales, Ireland and France, which were completed on Friday. The ties are to be played on January 16.

Toulouse, UWIC, and UCC, who each hosted a pool, ensured that home advantage counted. Only Swansea, who won the Durham pnol, bucked the trend, UCC were the last to qualify with a narrow victory in a pulsating game against Oxford in Cork on Friday night in front of more than 2,000 people. The UCC's 19-15 win ended England's interest in the inaugural tournament that the organiser, Len Harry, said had exceeded all expectations so far.

We are heading back towards a belle epoque for university rugby. The students are really responding



to it, with excellent behaviour on and off the pitch. The reports have been of very good rugby, of players expressing themselves through the game, of a tremendous conviviality, and of friendships being struck that should last a lifetime," Harty. who spent two years formulating the championship, said.

The most pleasing aspect, he continued, had been that students had played rugby with a smile, and for the enjoyment, free of the constraints and pressures of the win-at-all-costs mentality that pervade the sport at the professional

level. Winning was still important, The tournament has been incredible and it is very satisfying to see it up and running after a lot of hard work and anxiety." Harty

"Without the support of The

Times and a grant from the Found-ation for Sport and the Arts, none of it would have been possible. As a past president of UCC Rugby Club, Harty was delighted that Cork had reached the last four. but groaned when Kiernan drew them away to Toulouse, who, along with UWIC were the pre-tourna-ment favourites. "It looks grim for Cork," he said. "But the students are elated at the thought of travel-ling to France, even though it is

going to be a very tough task. There are two cracking semi-finals in The UWIC versus Swansea tie is a mouth-watering prospect. On form, UWIC should repeat the victory they enjoyed earlier this season, but Mike Wall, the secretary, said nothing would be taken for granted. We have always had close encounters with them. They will take us all the way," he said.

#### Newcastle's big men meet their match frenzied commitment of Agen and inspired to survive the last few

Newcastle.

FROM JOHN HOPKINS IN ACEN

IT HAS long been accepted that French back play is in a class of its own for improvisation and skill out, on Agen's sodden pitch on Saturday in this European Conference semi-tinal, Newcastle, the remaining British team, were rough-handled out of the competition and given a hearty reminder that French forward play is as muscular and robust as its back play is gifted and delicate.

Newcastle have some physically impressive forwards, but they more than met their match in Agen's eight. "French forwards are big men, strong men," Rob Andrew noted. Steve Bates, the Newcastle coach, said that some of the teams in the Allied Dunbar Premiership would have been swept aside by

In these days of basketball rugby, a game without a try being scored may sound dour. On the contrary, it was stirring to see the

heroic defence by both teams on a pitch that in parts resembled a swamp. The balance was swung Agen's way by two factors, the first being Benazzi's leadership and his all-round skills as he demonstrated how hurt he was to have been dropped earlier in the week from a French squad session. "I'd like to see who they'd pick instead of him," Dean Ryan, the Newcastle No.8, said wryly after a taxing afternoon.

Benazzi himself admitted he had been shocked at the decision. "I was extremely motivated for this match," he said. "I am determined to return for France for the first five nations' game."

The other contributing factor to Agen's victory was Newcastle's apparent rustiness in the first half when they had the help of a strong wind. It was only their second game in six weeks and it showed. They survived some hectic sieges to their line but rarely appeared capable of scoring a try. Andrew's three penalty goals from three attempts gave them a six point lead at half-time but, realistically, it always seemed a lead that was only ten minutes remaining. It likely to be overtaken.



Benazzi: five nations' aim

Agen took only 12 minutes of the second half to draw level after first Bouic kicked the most wobbly dropped goal that you will see for some time and then Mazas added a penalty goal from long range after Newcastle had been penalised in a

The kick of the afternoon, though, was one of more than 50 yards by Mazas when there were gave Agen the lead for the first time

minutes in the face of several spirited attacks by Newcastle. level of competition more often." Bates said. Sir John Hall, the club chairman, was less convinced. "Everybody is losing a fortune in the Conference," he said. "There is not enough money and the travel-

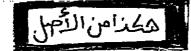
ling is expensive. We're just totting up, but coming here today has probably cost us £10,000. We get a bit back, but there is not enough money in the Conference for English clubs. We're not being greedy—it's just a fact of life. The European Cup needs revarious and I don't think needs revamping and I don't think there is a place for the Conference."

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# Brive Brive endurance.

## Kingston rails against referee as unbeaten home record disappears

## Richmond's fortress breached by Grayson

Northampton...

By MARK SOUSTER

RICHMOND'S proud unbeaten home record, which stretched back two years, ended in controversial circumstances yesterday after a defeat that could have serious repercussions for their hopes of qualifying for Europe this season. John Kingston, the Richmond director of rugby, was incensed by the performance of Stuart Piercy, the referee. "He was appalling," Kingston said. "He was desperately inconsistent with offside and what he allowed to happen around

the rucks and mauls." Kingston was particularly unhappy that Pierry played 40 min-utes and nine seconds in the second half, believing more injury time should have been allowed. The decision to award a free kick against Richmond for not engaging when they had opted for a scrum on the Northampton line in a frantic final two minutes also

Results and tables.

dismayed Kingston. After a dramatic comeback in the final 15 minutes, the scrum was Richmond's last chance to snatch a victory that had seemed out of reach after an hour, when Northampton had established an eight-

He also criticised the number of penalties — 17-9 — awarded against his side, indiscipline that Paul Grayson, the England fly half, punished severely with seven successful penalty goals to add to the nine he kicked against London Irish last week.

To be fair, Kingston accepted that Richmond had been below par and had perhaps underestimated a Northampton side that has been revitalised by the arrival of Gary Pagel. Whoever Kingston cares to of blame at the tac remains that this was a missed opportunity to consolidate a pos-

Ian McGeechan, the Northampton director of rugby, understandably saw the referee's interpretations differently. "He had the confidence to penalise Richmond for being offside and for hanging on to the ball," he said. "It was our

discipline that won the game." This was a bruising encounter between two juggernaut packs that were content to slug it out. No

their victory over the exiles, Northampton showed a different side to their game yesterday, pre-paring to meet fire with fire against a Richmond pack that had steamrollered Leicester on Tuesday. They matched Richmond up front, stole two important lineouts in the third quarter and produced one driving maul that took them 40

metres upfield. Northampton had taken the lead with Grayson's first successul kick in the second minute. Thereafter the tackling was intense as both sides probed for openings and a refreshed Tim Rodber was in the

thick of the action.

Richmond always seemed to carry the greater threat out wide. Earl Va'a was a smooth operator at fly half and Chapman and Wright, the wings, had real pace. However, it was the tried and trusted Quinnell brothers who combined for Richmond's first try. Craig took the catch at the lineout and Scott drove over from close range. After Grayson had kicked his second and third goals in the fourteenth and 24th minutes, Va'a's electric break in midfield created Richmond's second score, allowing Chapman to race in at the corner.

Grayson's fourth penalty goal restored. Northmampton's advan-tage, only for Pini to kick his first to give Richmond a narrow 13-12 lead at half-time. Northampton raised their tempo in the third quarter and, with Grayson dropping a goal after 51 minutes and then adding two more kicks in the space of five minutes, they appeared to be

coasting.
Instead of taking the game on, they sat back and allowed Richmond to run at them. After Pini kicked his second penalty goal, only a fine ankle-tap tackle by Gregor Townsend prevented a try. The metronomic boot of Grayson continued to punish Richmond's indiscipline as he landed his seventh kick out of eight attempts on 68 minutes.

Richmond refused to buckle, though, and Jason Wright rounded Sadly for them, Pini pushed the

SCORERS; Richmond: Tries: S Quinnell (13min), Chepman (27), Wright (73). Penalty goals: Privi 2 (33, 64). Northamption: Penalty goals: Grayeon 7 (2, 14, 24, 31, 55, 61, 68). Dropped goal: Grayeon SCORING SEQUENCE (Richmond first): 0-3, 5-3, 5-8, 5-8, 10-9, 10-12, 13-12 (hall-time), 13-15, 13-18, 13-21, 16-21, 16-24, 21-24.



## Leicester look to build on victory

Harlequins..

By MARK SOUSTER

THOSE who preferred to spend the last Saturday before Christmas catching up on some last-minute shopping, rather than watch this dire spectacle, made the correct decision. Andrew Leeds, the former Australia full back making his rugby union comeback after a decade, must have wondered what had possessed him to ring Bob Dwyer, the Leicester coach, to look for a game during a holiday here with his wife.

The consolation for Leicester was two welcome points in the first Premiership, after a victory that lifts them above Harlequins in the table. The London side found itself stuck in the gluepot pitch and unable to do anything about it. The conditions were so heavy that Andy Keast, the Harlequins director of rugby, wondered aloud if Leicester had been up to mischief by watering the turf.

"It was such a slow game," Keast said, blaming John Pearson, the referee, in part for his staccato use of the whistle, but also his players for not being able to rouse themselves after their heroics against Wasps. "When three or four key players have shockers it doesn't help the team," he said. Charitably. he refused to name names.

Leicester's next two games are against Saracens and Newcastle, the pace-setters in the division, and the Tigers will be anxious to demonstrate that the old order has not been overturned just yet. "It'll close things up if we win those," Dwyer said, "What happens in the next two weeks will be significant. Winning is important because we have got to stay in the race and if



Greenwood: scored second try

we can win both we will be well placed around the turn." On a miserable afternoon.

Leicester reverted to type and the rolling maul. Opportunities to shine were limited. Leeds noticed that players these days were far more careful about what options they took and preferred to keep it tight rather than risk turning over possession. "You don't kick like you did before," he said, "Possession is at a premium. If you cough it up you might not get it back."

Having been driven into the ground by the Quinnell brothers at Richmond on Tuesday night, Leicester's ambition seemed to be restricted solely to avoiding defeat against a side that has had the indian sign over them in recent Horak and Lacroix exchanged penalty goals. Serevi almost scored a try when he fastened onto a break by Garforth, only to lose control of the ball in the chase. The only try was scored after 39 minutes; not surprisingly, it was a penalty try awarded after Harlequins had dropped the scrum for the umpteenth time on their own

It got marginally better after the interval, when Leicester cranked up their effort a couple of notches. With Fritz van Heerden in outstanding form, they stole Harle-quins' throw at least four times and the bulk of the good things they managed emanated from quick clean possession at the lineout. Van Heerden has lifted the burden from Johnson's shoulders and the duo, are, as Dwyer said, as good a pair of locks as to be found

With Corry back from injury. Leicester had numerous options and both their tries in the second half stemmed from the lineout. Corry's take after 61 minutes sparked the best move of the match. Play swept left and Serevi's floated pass, although suspiciously forward, almost enabled Horak to nip in. From the ruck Serevi set Greenwood free in acres of space. The third try was more o trademark take-and-drive that saw Neil Back credited with the score. SCORERS: Leicester: Tries: penalty try (39min). Greenwood (61), Back (76) Conversions: Seren 2, Horak Penalty goals: Horak (6), Seren (57) Harfequins: Penalty goal: Lacrox (17) SCORING SEQUENCE (Leucester trist) 3-0, 3-3, 10-3 (nati-time), 13-3, 20-3, 27-3

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au),
HARLEQUINS: J Williams, D O Leav (rep. R Liley, 30), J Neyter, J Ngauerro, L Belligor, T Lacrox, N Waishe (rep. H Harnes, 45), J Leonard, T Billups, A Mullins, Garrish (Levelly)r (rep. L Cabannes, 58), R Struchwick, R Jenions, W Davison, A Leach Referee: J Pearson (Durnam)

#### Melrose make it a point of honour

Meirose .

By KEVIN FERRIE

WHATEVER the shape of the Tennents Premiership programme, Melrose always seem to cope. Two seasons ago, the league campaign packed into the first half of the season, they squeezed home. Last season, with an eight-ream division, they maintained a 100 per cent record to claim their sixth national title in eight years.

The efficiency with which they overcame their neighbours in this potentially awkward derby, Jed-Forest having opened with two wins from their previous three matches, was little more than standard procedure, then.

Scores early in each half, the first created by Bryan Redpath's chip and chase into the 22 before putting his older brother, Craig, clear set the tone, and they eased away with 15 unanswered points in the third quarter. At times they looked capable of playing with the fluency that brought a grand slam — Premiership, Scottish Cup. Border League and Melrose Sevens — last

However, the innovative bonus point system introduced this season appears to be having a counterproductive effect, at least for teams cruising to victory. A year ago. Melrose and Watsonians, the eventual runners-up, piled up scores in the closing stages of matches, providing great entertainment. The bonus system, however, has reduced the likelihood of two sides finishing level on points.

Having assumed the captaincy after the late withdrawal of Carl Hogg, who had lurched off groggi-ly but claimed, as he left Riverside Park, that he was suffering from no more than a shoulder injury, Redpath Jr observed afterwards: We were determined not to think about the bonus point and to work for the 80 minutes."

Yet, doubtless subconsciously, teams seem to ease off after scoring the fourth try that should ensure a maximum count. Melrose did. though, secure the full count before relinquishing their grip, unlike West of Scotland who scored only three tries in their 23-5 win over Boroughmuir.

Brian Edwards, the West of Scotland coach, identified a lack of composure for their failure to capitalise on their superiority. That dropped point at Meggetland may prove as crucial as the defeat the previous week by Stirling

Watsonians left Melrose clear. SCORERS: Jed-Forest: Tries: Remmd: (69mm), Mcthoy (80) Conversion: Richards: Penalty goal: Richards: (37) Melrose: Tries: C. Redpath (2). Brotherstone (47), Dagleeth (51), Broughton (55) Conversion: Shepherd Penalty goals: Shopherd 2 (10, 41). SCORING SEQUENCE (Jed-Forest first) 0-5, 0-8, 3-8 (hall-time), 3-11, 3-18, 3-23, 3-28, 10-28, 15-29.

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## Cooke demands more discipline from Bedford

Moseley .....

By BRYAN STILES

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COACHES are rarely satisfied with their team's performance. There is always something to criticise, something to analyse, something with which to confront his players from the videotape of

Geoff Cooke is no exception. despite the fact that he has handed the coaching mantle to others and has to content himself with making comments from his platform as thief executive of Bedford. With Frank Warren, his chairman and dub benefactor, away in New York celebrating a boxing triumph, and Paul Turner, his director of rugby, under the shower after taking part in this muddy game. Cooke was happy to discuss Bedford's shortcomings as well as highlight their achievements. He was delighted with the score as Bedford chalked up their eleventh Allied Dunbar Premiership second division win in succession to cement their place at the top of the table, but insisted they should have won by a larger margin, a succession of errors being allowed to get in the

But his main gripe was that his players gave away far too many penalties, letting Moseley stay in contention for too long. "We must have discipline. I shudder to think what we will see when we look at the video. The penalty count will be horrendous," he said. Earlier in the week he had criticised his players for lack of concentration, but on Saturday he was happier with that

aspect. He also purred at some of their ball-in-hand moves. "You have to be happy when your team has won by five tries to one," he said. "We meet Northampton (of the first division in the cup in the new year

couple of notches for that." Cooke's worst moment of the afternoon was when an autograph-seeker called him Jack. mistaking him for Jack Rowell, like Cooke a former England manager.

"Please don't call me that. anybody but Jack Rowell. I'm not half as ugly as he is." He praised Moseley for making a good game of the encounter on Saturday but knew that the 5-1 try count reflected his team's superiority.

Moseley were handicapped

from early in the second half when Rush, their scrum half, was carried off with a bruised neck and taken to hospital for an X-ray, Thankfully, his injuand we can lift our game a

ry was not considered to be serious. Paul Turner was at his best

for Bedford, full of sleight of hand and trickery. Moseley were well aware of the danger he posed and he was frequently swamped by three opponents at once. Bedford got away to a

sparkling start, Murdoch

breaking through on the Moseley 22 line then capitalising on a tapped penalty to score the opening try. Rayer converted, scored two tries and converted one of them. Moseley replied with a dropped goal from Jones and a try from McAtamney, which Jones converted. Jones kicked

half, while Murdoch and Foster scored unconverted tries for Bedford and Rayer kicked a penalty goal.

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Referee: R Goodfife (Yorkshare)

#### Colomiers assume late control

COLOMIERS will play Agen in the European Conference final after recovering from a poor start against Stade Français, of Paris, in their home semifinal. Tries by Sieurac and De Giusti and two penalties by Labit gave Colomiers a 16-10 half-time lead after a Lombard try, converted by Reigt, had put Stade Français ahead after just two minutes.

Reigt kept Stade Fran-cais in touch with a penalty, but Colomiers held on after half-time to win 19-13 with both goalkickers landing further penalties. Garndiffaith, the Welsh League fourth division team, surprised Bridgend, of the premier division. with a 24-21 win in the fourth round of the Swalec Cup. Steve Cross scored the winning try in injury

# Ireland fail to warm to heat of the battle

Ireland.

FROM KARLJOHNSTON

IRELAND were left looking threadbare after they sustained their third successive defeat by Italy before a sparse, though voluble, crowd of about 7,000 at the Stadio Dall'Ara here on Saturday. The three-man selection

committee could take no consolation. Pat Whelan and Donal Lenihan, the former Ireland players, and Brian Ashton, the one-time England aspirant, are undoubtedly well-intentioned, but they have so far failed to arrest the decade-long downward spiral

of Irish international rugby. Ashion, for one, will hardly need reminding that the equivalent match, at Lansdowne Road last January, resulted in the dismissal of his predecessor, Murray Kidd. Nevertheless. Whelan, the

team manager, appeared to

rule out any wholesale changes for the five nations' championship. "Our first championship match is not until early February and we have plenty of time to consider our options," he said Ireland, with just three of

the side defeated by Italy in Dublin at the start of the year, were outplayed and outthought, Four penalty goals by David Humphreys, the fly half, and one from Eric Elwood, who replaced him in the final quarter, were no answer to the exuberant Italians, who ran in three firstrate tries.

The Italians were a fine and committed side, who ended up as deserved winners and thereby strengthened their case for inclusion in the five nations'. Exuberance is not a word one readily applies to Ireland sides but their supporters like to think that passion, determination and sheer lack of respect for the opposition have compensated for its absence. Not on Saturday, however.

For the record, it was 9-9 at the interval, as the excellent Diego Dominguez, the Argentina-born Italy fly half, who amassed a personal haul of 27 points, and Humphreys each kicked three penalty goals in a fragmented 40 minutes dominated by Didier Mené's

They traded a further penalty apiece before Dominguez put Italy ahead again with a



Ashton: reminder

fifth penalty on the hour. After Humphreys was helped off to have five stitches in a facial wound, Italy stepped up the tempo.

More penalty goals fol-lowed, but the Italians then capitalised on appalling Irish errors and defending to run in three superb tries. Dominguez sauntered over

untouched after Corrado Pilat, the full back, on his debut, broke through the Ireland defence after 67 minutes. Pilat himself sprinted through for the second after 72 minutes, with Dominguez landing the touchline conversion, before Alessandro Troncon, the scrum half, sent Cristian Stoica, the centre, over on the blind side in the 75th minute for the third try.

Elwood kicked a penalty goal in the 71st minute and cleverly set up a try in the final minute for Darragh O'Mahony, which he converted, but otherwise Ireland had no answers. Whelan, however. said: "The fact of the matter is that the game could have

gone either way. We failed to put away our chance and we ended up paying the penalty." Ashton said: "We have to accept that the Italians are going to be a major force in international rugby."

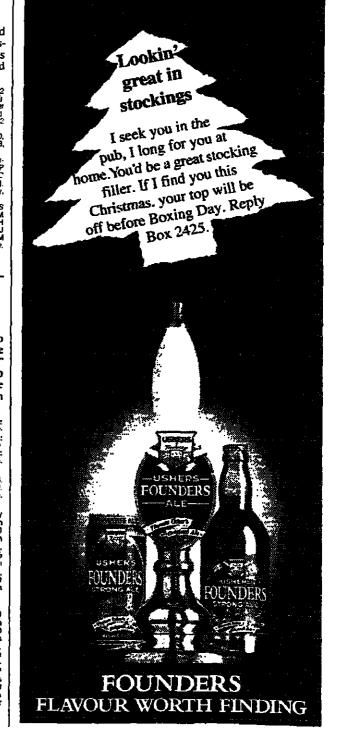
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## Public schools championships reinforce cricketing connection

# Rackets too cloistered for its own good

Simon Wilde watches

a Tonbridge player treading the same path as Colin Cowdrey



t is hard not to think that someone has missed a trick with rackets, one of the fastest and, at its best, most entertaining ball games in the world. It is played in Britain and North America. but there are very few courts or active participants. Of those, most congregate in London and play on the two courts at Queen's Club.

Yet it is, for example, a far more rounded game than squash, which it spawned and is now dominated by super-fit players equipped with the latest graphite technology. Rackets, in contrast, still uses wooden implements and, although these impart ball speeds of around 190mph, there remains scope, on its larger courts, for subtlety and

It is a game that makes terrific demands on footwork and eye, and many capable squash and tennis players are unable to master it. It is a wonderful preparation for other sports, which is probably why it is so popular among the established public schools and with the cricketing fraternity, who find in it an excellent means of keeping sharp in the winter months.

Lord - formerly Colin -Cowdrey of Tonbridge partly attributes his early success as a winning the under-16 title at the public schools rackets championships at Queen's. The next summer he almost doubled his run output for the first XI and within a year was invited to play for Kent: the start of a long and distinguished

Tonbridge were represented by another talented young cricketer at the championships this year, which concluded with three unusually good finals last Friday. The main



Titchener-Barrett, of Harrow, the holder, right, serves to Cherry, of Tonbridge, in the closely contested final of the Foster Cup. Photograph: Tom Hevezi

scope for making money out of

rackets — he is unlikely to do so with Kent, as his family is from

Wales and he is already being

courted by universities there and

event, the Foster Cup (named after H. K. Foster, whose family put Worcestershire on the cricketing map), culminated in an eagerly awaited match between Daniel Cherry, of Tonbridge, and Alex Titchener-Barrett, of Harrow, the

This pair contested the under-16 title two years ago but had not met since, partly because Cherry was on a cricket tour when Titchener-Barrett won the title last year. They presented a stark contrast in styles: the powerfully built Cherry constantly seeking the spectacular winning shot, the wiry Titchener-Barrett, less strong but arguably more gifted, opting for subtler lines

If this had been squash, Cherry would have won. He very nearly did, but in a thrilling fightback the left-handed Titchener-Barrett achieved the rare feat of retaining the Foster title, winning in five sets, 15-8, 8-15, 4-15, 15-6, 15-4 in a match that fully lived up to expectations.

Glamorgan's cricket scouts. Good rackets players among the existing crop of professional cricketers include Richard Montgomerie, of Northamptonshire, and Mat-Cherry scored a lot of runs for they Windows of Gloucestershire. Tonbridge last summer and on the

Cowdrey principle might expect to who is seen as a possible future best 16 players, who are siphoned score a lot more next year. If he world champion. Both, predictably, pursues a career as a professional are batsmen. Along with Eton and Cheltencricketer - and there is not aruch

ham, Tonbridge and Harrow dominated the championships at Queen's, but 13 schools were involved in a big entry. The under-16 final, for the Incledon-Webber Cup. produced a close and protracted duel between Torn Dunbar, of Harrow, and Graham Tyndall, of Cheltenham, which Dunbar won 12-15, 15-8, 15-10, 17-15.

The Renny Cup - for all but the

**ICE SKATING** 

#### Lipinski sets the **Olympic** standard

FROM ANGELA COURT IN MUNICH

TARA LIPINSKI, Ilia Kulik, Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze, and Pasha Grishuk and Evgeny Platov. the winners of the ISU Champions Series Finals at the Olympic Hall here, did much more than take the gold medals and prize-money. They proved that they are the leading contenders for the Olympic titles in Nagano in February.

The events culminated on Saturday afternoon with the free programmes and when the world champion, Lipinski, from the United States, took to the ice for hers, she knew the task ahead would not be simple. Although leading after the short programme, on Sat-urday she had to follow Tanja Szewczenko, of Germany, who landed seven triple jumps in front of an ecstatic crowd.

Lipinski, who, at 15, is so tiny she could easily fit into an under-10s group, matched Szewczenko's tally of triples, including the difficult triple loop-triple loop combinations. While her natural ability cannot be denied, her size is definitely an advantage where iumps are concerned.

It is far easier to rotate three times in the air if you are under 5ft tall and weigh less than 6st than if you are a fully grown woman. However, it is not the job of the judges to take this into account before awarding technical marks. The skaters either complete the jumps and spins or they do not. On Saturday, Lipinski not only completed them, but did so far better than her rivals. Presentation, of course, is another matter and the four 5.9s she received for this seemed overgenerous after

witnessing the mature artistry of Maria Butyrskaya, 25, of Russia, who finished third.

Kulik outskated Elvis Stoiko and Todd Eldredge in the free programme to win the men's event. The 20-year-old Russian executed two textbook triple axels, one in combination with a triple toe loop, but was forced to fouch down on a quad toe loop. Stojko, the world champion, fell on his attempt at a quad and could only finish second, with Eldredge third.

The pairs skaters. Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze, of Russia, gave the performance of their lives in the free programme to move ahead of Mandy Wotzel and Ingo Steuer, of Germany, who led after the short.

Berezhnaya and Sikharulidze skated close to perfection and included a huge triple twist, two solid triple throws. plus solo triple toe loops and double axels.

It is remarkable that Berezhnaya is skating at all. Two years ago she almost died after an accident in training. when her former partner's blade pierced her skull. If she and Sikharulidze win the

Olympics, the movie-makers will be queueing up.
As expected the reigning world and Olympic champions, Grishuk and Platov, won the ice dance competition. The free dance to Memorial Requi-ent received four perfect 6.0s

#### **COMPETITION** THE TIMES

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**CHANGING TIMES** 

## Gomes guides Bracknell away from the wilderness

ICE HOCKEY

IN THE only Superleague fixture played on Saturday, Bracknell Bees beat Newcastle Cobras 4-1 to gain their first away success of the season and condemn the Cobras to their thirteenth defeat

in 16 league games. After a scoreless first period. Tom Gomes scored twice in less than seven minutes and Jeff Johnstone added a third for Bracknell later in the period to give them a 3-0 lead at the second interval. Chris Norton pulled one back for the Cobras early in the final session, but that was all they

An odd final minute saw Newcastle remove their goaltender to ice an extra forward in an attempt to close the gap. Two Bracknell players broke BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

ahead of them but the nonpuck carrier drifted offside and the goal was disallowed. Wayne Cowley then resumed his position in the Newcastle goal and Wayne Crawford put the puck past

him with two seconds

The win took Bracknell into fifth place, above Cardiff Devils and just a point behind Sheffield Steelers. Their coach, Jim Fuyarchuk, has them playing disciplined hockey and the two recent additions to the squad. Colin Ward and Derek DeCosty, have brought some additional speed and guile to the attack.

The Cobras continue to

struggle in spite of a change of coach and the introduction of new players. They are playing free without an opponent without confidence and this often leads to a pass too many instead of a shot on goal.

> tant ingredient of Sheffield Steelers' successes the season before last, is struggling and, as usually happens when a goaltender is out of form, spends too much time on his knees. It was his inability to stay on his feet that led to two of the Bracknell goals.

Cowley, who was an impo

off into the Foster Cup — was won by Richard Cowley of Marlbor-

ough, who beat Jeremy Baker, of

If one is looking for reasons why

rackets is not more popular, if

perhaps comes down the difficulty

of hitting a fast-moving ball and

expense, rackets being broken with alarming frequency. But if En-

gland's cricketers want to sharpen

their reflexes before facing West

Indies, they could do worse than set

up training camp at Queen's.

Malvern, 10-15, 15-10, 15-4, 15-6.

The only other game on Saturday saw Steelers beat Manchester Storm 5-3 in the Express Cup. Scott Allison scored three goals for the Steelers.

Results, page 38 | from the judges.

#### **GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD**

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TOMORROW ICE HOCKEY: Superleague: Newcaste Cotras v Nottingham Parahess (7 th Bracterel Bees v Manchester Storm (8.0, Express Curr Basingstoke Been v Cardif Devils (7.30).

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Glängham (12.0); Brantord v Southerd
(12.0); Bristol City v Marka (12.0); Burnley v
Chesterield; Carlele v Bisckpoot; Luttur v
Worthampstor; Pymouth v Fullham; Preston
v Oldham; Welsali v Bristol Rovens;
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Leyton Chester, Lucach v Roterbarn; Rockole
v Shrewsbury; Scarminope v Notis County;
Tongusy v Samessala (12.15)
VALDGALL CONFERIENCE; Chellenham, v

RUGBY UNION ALLIED DUNBAR PREMIERSHIP: Plast division: Saracans v Leicester (3.0) OTHER SPORT

RACING: Kempton Pink (1240), Aur (1255), Hereford (1.05), Humangdon (1.0), Masket Rissen (12.00), Welthesty (12.45), Velopation (12.50), Welthesty (12.45), Winganton (12.50), Wolvelmampton (486).

SATURDAY

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v Glesruck manager v Raith Second chalaton: Cydebrak v Cyder Foder v Bracher, Inventes Foder v East Filer. Starhour v Lydeyston; Stranger v Cueen of South. Third division: Beruck v Dumbertor, Cowdenbeath v Rose County. East Stiding v Alice; Montrose v Arbroath Cueen's Park v Adion. RUGBY UNION

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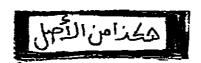
JENSON NATIONAL LEAGUE First division: Harrogala v Whathciste (2-15); Louds v Worcester (3-0); London Weisth v Rouslyn Park (2-0); Morley v Osley (3-0); Nothingitam v Newtony (3-0); President v Lydney (2-15); Rugby v Liverpold St Helens (2-0); Scoond division north; Hindeley v Sadgley Park (2-30); Lichield v Presion Grasshoppen (2-30); Normellor v Handel (2-15); Srefidel v Presion Grasshoppen (2-30); Normellor v Manchester (2-30); Sendel v Kamdel (2-15); Srefidel v Bernneyham/Solhul (2-30); Weister (2-30); Weister (2-30); Mentay v Chibart (2-30); Second division south: Challest have v North Weistern (2-30); Premior v Biddysetter (2-30); Henrisy v Chibart (2-15); Weiston-Super-Aires v Radinth (3-0).

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> SUNDAY FOOTBALL

OTHER SPORT.



## Llewellyn handed Kempton ride on Senor El Betrutti

By CHRIS MCGRATH

CHRISTMAS may be a time sigiving, but it is not an excess seasonal munificence that has made jump jockeys so willing to share the chance to partner Senor El Betrutti. Yes-terday Carl Llewellyn became the latest to find his name on one of the most tantalising parcels under the Christmas tree — the ride on the grey in the King George VI Chase at Kempton on Friday.

Two swashbuckling wins at Chehenham this season have revealed one of the most ex-citing steeplechase rides of recent years. Yet Jamie Osborne and Graham Bradley have compelling reasons to surrender the mount. Osborne smashed his wrist the day after winning the Murphy's Gold Cup: Bradley, who took over for the Tripleprint Gold Cup nine days ago, rides Suny Bay, the second favourite, at

Susan Nock, who trains just rwo other horses on a Cotswold farm, has offered Llewellyn the chance to savour the theatrical jumping of Senor El Betrutti - weather permitting. While the horse is likely to be declared tomorrow, the proviso remains that Kempton's yielding ground must dry out over Christmas.

Gerard Nock, the trainer's husband, said yesterday: "Carl has ridden him once before, but the most important thing was to have someone we could rely on to look after the from a field) has eluded infechorse should he be outclassed. We just want him back in one

Nock intimated that the horse would be risked with a modicum of cut underfoot. We wouldn't want it too sticky, however, and there would be no point running on soft, as he loses his action. But we do want to run. He's very well, and this will probably be the only chance we'll ever get to have a runner in the King

RICHARD EVANS

(3.20 Kelso) Rossel loves soft ground and a still finish so he should be in his cleragnt at Kelso today. The course and distance win-ner mikes a drop in class after a promising measural reappear-ance at Aw

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George. It would be wonderful if all three greys could run, they are all such spectacular, exciting horses."

It is the other two - One Man and Suny Bay - who dominate the market; despite representing trainers with some cause for anxiety about the wellbeing of their horses. Charlie Brooks has not had any runners during the past couple of weeks, but remains hopeful that Suny Bay (trained

tion. One Man's stablemate. Unguided Missile, ran poorly behind Cool Dawn at Ascot on Saturday, but Gordon Richards is also sanguine.

"A few weeks ago, maybe I'd have been worried, but the horses seem to be bucking up now," the trainer said. "Richard [Dunwoody] said that Unguided Missile felt better than he had at Haydock previously, and he had a lot of reight in that ground."

Richards is sounding as

though he would treat a third consecutive King George as the most emphatic of last laughs, so indifferent do One Man's critics seem to his brilliance. "Let's hope they'll have to eat their words again."

Those critics are wary of One Man off the bridle, albeit he has won 15 out of 19 completed races well enough on it. Kempton's sharp track is ideal for a horse with his speed, though few will be better suited by the race with Barton Bank, Suny Bay. Senor El Betrutti and One Man all tending to race in the

van - than Rough Quest. The 1996 National winner, who travels strongly off the pace has pleased Terry Casey since his return from injury at Haydock nine days ago. "He feels in wonderful shape." Casey said. "As well, if not better, than he was before."



Paddy's Return lands a decisive success in the Long Walk Hurdle at Ascot on Saturday

### **Imperial Call** warms up for Leopardstown

IF GREY is the theme of the King George VI Chase on Friday, the Christmas racing programme could yet lend the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup picture a rather different - green. On Sunday, Ireland's leading challenger should be revealed when Dorans Pride faces a rejuvenated imperial Call in the Ericsson Chase.

RULIAN HERBERT / ALLSPORT

The 1996 Gold Cup winner, having rather lost his way last season, looked back on top of his game warming up over timber at Navan Saturday - Cockney Lad, a slick specialist hurdler, holding him by only a length.
"Imperial Call is fine this morning." Fergie Suther-land, his trainer, said yesterday. "He'll be all right for Leopardstown. That was the object of the exercise."

Cockney Lad's trainer. Noel Meade, was no less pleased with his charge. "He will probably have another crack at Istabraq at Leopardstown on December 29 now," he said.

It is not difficult to envisage Paddy's Return one day developing into a Gold Cup horse - and one acclaimed by Ireland, even if jockey, owner and trainer have all emigrated. He looked much the best staying hurdler in training when making a stir-ring return to action in the Smurfit Long Walk Hurdle at Ascot on Saturday.

A 20-length success under Norman Williamson delight-Paddy O'Donnell, a Cricklewood pub landlord, and Perdy Murphy, now

based in Middleham. Murphy's training career has not been without its pit-stops, but he is confirming his ability to hit top gear with the right machinery in horses like French Holly and Paddy's

"He'll improve seven to ten pounds on that," Murphy said yesterday. "He has come back a lot stronger this season. He'll go to Haydock next month on his way to the Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenham, and then back to Punchestown. We were thinking about going to France again as well, but we don't want to do him any damage if we're going chasing afterwards."

In the absence of Make A Stand, the Pertemps Christmas Hurdle at Kempton on Saturday drew just six acceptors yesterday, although they did include two leading candidates to assume his Smurfit Champion Hurdle crown in Shadow Leader and Sanmartino. Chai-Yo. I'm Supposin, Kerawi and

L'Opera complete the entry. The champion, out for the season with a leg injury, need not seek far within the Martin Pipe stable for inspiration how to triumph over adversity. Jonothan Lower hopes to have his first ride in 18 months at Market Rasen on Boxing Day. After being diagnosed as diabetic in June 1996, it took a year before the Jockey Club would permit him to become the first such rider under Rules - but he promptly broke a leg in a

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12.40 Lannkaran 1.10 Weather Wise 1.40 Charming Girl 2.10 Callindos 2.40 Malwood Castle

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TOTE JACKPOT MEETING GOING. GOOD

12.40 TARREES CLARET NOVICES HURDLE (DIV I; £2,374: 2m) (10 numers) | Comparison of BETTING: 9-4 Malas, 7-2 Mass 5-1 Suge Pass, 8-1 Maffors, Among Blands, 10-1 Landeran, 14-1 Designer Lines Royal Aucts, 15-1 Offices,

Fisher respected rider an novice chase at Ludion (2m. good); previously best Kedge Archer Man 31 in 9-numer revices hardle at introsets (2m. good). Midsas 301 3rd of 7 to Clinton in novice hardle at Wordser (2m. good) costin the cost of 7 to Clinton in novice hardle at Wordser (2m. good). Boyal Archic 211 8th of 16 to Shahnri in novice hardle at Windsor (2m. good). Armony Islands, 11/41 2nd of 12 to Meandow Dancer is novice claiming hardle at Ludiow (2m. good). HISAR will appreciate the return to burdles after upstalling on his chasing debut

1998: ULTIMATE SMOOTHEE 4 10-12 A P McCoy (5-4 (1-ba) M Pipe 9 ran

1.10 TANNERS CAVA CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP | TARMERS CAVA CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP | TARMERS | TARMERS | TO | TARMERS | TARMERS

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1.40 TANHERS WINES MOVICES CHASE (E3,542 2m) (8 runners) 14 AMMRES WINES NOVICES CHASE (E3.542: 2m) (8 numers)
15 84-504 ALDMISTON CHAPPLE 14 (D.F.S) (M Kernen) T. Well 8-11-0 ... S. Wynne
15 2278 AMAINT DYPESS 259 (St. Rus S Sensens) E Epedon 7-11-0 N Williamson
15 12278 AMAINT DYPESS 259 (St. Rus S Sensens) E Epedon 7-11-0 N Williamson
16 1222- CAPP LEGHT 7659 (Sail for Racing Orb) J Tuch 10-11-0 ... R Belanny
17 1222- CAPP LEGHT 7659 (Sail for Racing Orb) J Tuch 10-11-0 ... R Belanny
18 1222- CAPP LEGHT 7651 (D.F. Commol John 18-11-11 A.P. McCoy
18 1223-1 AST FOR A RESSOIL 28 (D.G.) A Princy B Jackes 5-11-0 ... Gary Lyons
18 1223-1 CAPP LEGHT 7651 (M Broughum) Mass H Knight 6-11-0 ... J Colony
18 1223-2 CAPPRINCE GRY, 14 (D.G.) (C Comm) O Stermon 6-10-9 ... J A McCorny
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#### 2.10 HOECHST ROUSSEL PANACUR EBF MARES NH HOVICES HURBLE (\$2,918: 2m 5f 110yd) (16 numers)

1998: MAID FOR ADVENTURE 5-10-12 B Feston (9-4) Miss it Knight 8 mar Lascop on novice number at Heretord (2m 31 110yd, good). Folleschare 311 4th of 8 to Churchtown Glen in novice hundle at Luctow (2m 51 110yd, good). Hot "N Saucy 181 3rd of 13 to Spunde on NH that ace at Followell (2m 22 and). Hot Hundrane Jane 191 5th of 10 to Supreme Charm in conditional novice hundre at Ascot (2m 41, good). Holden Legend 111 5th of 13 to Valigni Memory in NH filst ace at Taunton (2m 11, good). Ruby Rosa 323 6th of 16 to Latin Mistress in mares NH filst at Hereford (2m 11, good) with Sandarde (Reviet) beaten a distance 9th Vican's Vase 10th 3rd of 6 to Laredo in NH filst race at Fallentiam (2m, good).

HURRICANE JANE is best of those with burdling experience, but is volnerable

2.40 TANNERS CHAMPAGNE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,750: 3m) (8 runners) Long kandicap: Its Unbelievable 9-13

BETTINES, 2-4 Mediacold Castle, 4-1 Fortones, Course, 9-2 Drowbase, 6-1 Tellicherry, 8-1 Stop The Valler, 10-25 Urbetjeckle, 12-1 Spaneh Light, Crown Experty 1998; ACT OF PARLIAMENT 8-11-2 C O'Dwyer (9-4) K Balley 6 cm

Spenish Light 351 lest of 5 to Sues Leat in handicap chase at Haydock (2m, good). Stop The Walter unsealed rider in handicap chase at Warwick (2m 41 10yd, good), previously 251 3rd of 10 to Pennike Pride in handicap chase at Warwick (2m 21, good to ston). Malwood Castle heat Special Account 10t in 7-numer handicap chase at Easter (2m 71 110yd, soll). Tellicherry head Goldenswift neck in 11-numer novice handicap chase at University (2m 31, good). Fortheres Course 231 5th of 7 to Carolle's Crusatire in handicap chase at University (2m 11, good to soil); previously head Rebsant 71 in 8-numer handicap chase at Towcester (3m 11, good to soil); previously head of 6 to Netzmanage in handicap chase at Plamptin (2m 51, good to 3m). MALWOOD CASTLE was impressive at Bester and can follow up

3.10 TANNERS BURGUNDY HANDICAP CHASE (23,469: 2m 4f) (7 namers) 35/120 FROMTAGER 674 (S) (Chaddlenorth Parnershop C Egettor 7-11-10 N Williamston 13P-41U NCH EMPEROR 36 (BF,CD,F) (T Culton) A Cartoll 7-11-5 Mr A White (7) PP-2974 TRAIL BOSS 36 (B ) (DF,ES) (M Securition) Mess N Kagint 6-11-0 J Culton 3P-2911 JASON'S BOY 6 (DF,ES) (W Jones J ) Bradley 7-11-0 (Fey , F A Johnson 1-100331 MR STRONG GALE 14 (B,CD,F.S) (T Chappell P Norbits 6-10-8 R Demandy P2971-E, RAMME MRACLE 304 (B,FD,F.S) (J Bradleyn) 6 Burneti 7-10-2 R Parnam (P3P-23 MANNULARE 28 (Mrs C Black) Mrs C Black 7-10-0 S Wyme-SETTINES: 5-2 Jason's Boy, 11-4 Mr Strong Gale, 4-1 Inch Emparer, 9-2 Trail Boss, 10-1 Flaming Miracle, 12-1 Mannalane, 16-1 Frontager. 1998: TOO SHARP 8-10-13 J F Tilley (15-8 tar) Miss H Knight 6 ran

Frontager 62! 9th of 15 to Jet Rules in nonce burdle grade 2 at Chepstow (2m 41 110yd, soft); previously 13/1 2nd of 15 to Masier or unbeated rider in smalleur handleap chase at Antitree (2m 61 good to 5mth, previously beat Mozenne 81 in 9-conner assateur handleap chase at Antitree (2m 61 good to 5mth, previously beat distance 4th of 5 to Oueen Of Spades in nonce chase at Chellentiem (2m, good), previously beat Francisca chase at Lendow (2m 41, good to firm). Trail Boss beaten a distance 4th of 5 to Oueen Of Spades in nonce chase at Chellentiem (2m, good to firm), Juston's Boy beat Shirnbe Hills 21/1 in handleap chase at Herelord (2m 31, good). Mr Strong Gele beat Gratoris 51 in nonce handleap chase at Ludiow (2m 41 in nonce handleap chase at Southwell (2m, good), previously beat Bazel (0 Bust 14/1 in novice handleap chase at Werwick (2m, good to firm), Manifester 11 3rd of 7 to Ger Real in novice chase at Ludiow (2m, good). MR STRONG GALE has shown progressive form and can overcome a 6th rise in the handscap

3.40 TANNERS CLARET NOVICES HURDLE (Div 8: £2,360: 2m) (9 naviers) 1 240-120 EXATED 38 (F) 146: 8 Jenks | W Jenks 4-11-5 ... T Jenks | Tell |
2 F1 ROAD RASER 18 (D.5) (Jenks 4 Mest) F R Webber 4-11-5 ... T Jenks | Tell |
2 F1 ROAD RASER 18 (D.5) (Jenks 4 Mest) F R Webber 4-11-5 ... T Jenks | Tell |
3 G1-42 Heldffech TOUCH 32 (Jenks 6 Roman-Hamilton) L Bessick 7-10-12 W Marston 10-8 |
4 32 MANUS 27 (M Bunks 5 Sh Family Settement) D Methodran 4-10-12 A Magnation 10-9 |
5 ASP-000 IMPROBERS DANGER 7 (Datago Const Lvi) X Bridgester 4-10-12 D Bridgester 10-9 |
6 STOOT EST (E Build F P-Nobbs 4-10-12 Mest 4-10-12 D Bridgester 10-9 |
7 304 WHAT A FUSS 9 (Jenks 10 Stednes) Miss H Knight 4-10-12 ... J Callety 122 |
8 GOOD - YOUCH STAR 210 (Hon Miss B Stednes) 6 R Stednes 5-10-12 Jenk R Mangson (7) -- PO MENOSA 50 (In The Featon Racing Club) M Photon 4-10-7 C Unwellyin -- |
BETTIME: 5-2 Road Racin, 9-1 lamas, 5-1 Easted, Highleen Touch, 8-1 kilod, 10-1 What A Fires, 14-1 others 1900-1 1996: NO CORRESPONDING OWISION

Exalted 23l 8th of 14 to Trutchev at novice hardiesp hurdle at Chetenham (2m 110yd, good), previously 21 2mi of 7 to Easy Usiening in hardiesp hurdle at Hereford (2m 11, good). Rosel Races beat Ganger Fox 1141 in 21-numer novice hurdle at Hurdingdon (2m 110yd, good) Rosel Touch 291 2md of 20 to Ganger Fox in novice hurdle at Warvick (2m, good to soft) tamus 51 2md of 11 to Pelay in novice hurdle at Worcester (2m, soft); previously 151 3md of 8 to Establish (7h worse off) in novice hurdle at Hereford (2m 11, good to hurdle planting Danger 44l 8th of 18 to Ernest William in novice hurdle at Warvick (2m 31, good). What A Fuss 914 4th of 18 to Hazard A Guess in novice hurdle at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good).

ROAD RACER son in determined style at Huntingdon and will be hard to beat

#### Carberry given ten-day ban

PAUL CARBERRY was banned for ten days by the Haydock stewards on Saturday. Carberry will be sidelined from December 29 to January 3 and January 5-8 after the stewards ruled he had attempted to block the passage of the 5-2 on favourite, Festive Teak, with his mount Premier Cru in the Thelwall Standard National Hunt Flat Race. Despite the incident, Festive Teak cruised to a comfortable success. Because of the foggy conditions the stewards were forced to reach their decision without the aid of a head-on camera, and Carberry described his suspension as "ridiculous". However, he has decided not to appeal.

### KELSO

THUNDERER 12.50 Colour Code. 1.20 Carley Led. 1.50 Cherming Admiral. 2.20 Ballyline. 2.50 Judicious Captain. 3.20

GOING: SOFT (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

12.50 BRIAN HEWITT ASSOCIATES NOVICES HURDLE (£3,039; 2m 110yd) (14 runners)

HURROLE (C3,039: Zm 110yd) (14 numers)

1 05 ARENT WE LUCKY 12 JJ 0 feet 4-10-12 L Wyer

2 P COCRROWE 12 Wass I Recesel 7-10-12 Mr M Bradhume (5)

3 11- COLOUR CODE 757 (DJ.6) Mrs A Swinbart 5-10-12 J Supplie

4 P-00 DARK MEDMESHT 6 (8) 0 Lamb 8-10-12 L Supplie

5 0 WELL DENE 21 B Mactagger 4-10-12 L G Lee

6 121 JLSTW MAC 31 (DJ.6) J Fradecald 8-10-12 P Camberry

7-00 MICLIATURD DERAM 14 R Algan 4-10-12 SMetrose (7)

8 0 PLAYMAKER 12 M Barres 4-10-12 STaylor (5)

9 00 DUEEN'S BRISAND 367 F Walton 5-10-12 S Storey

10 DS STORAM ESS 21 J Goldie 6-10-12 R McCharth (3)

11 VALEDICTORY 214F P Monitors 4-10-12 C McCharth (3)

12 60 VANADIAN 04E 12 W McCacon 4-10-12 C McCharth (3)

13 OU WHAT THE HECK 21 P Cheerbrough 5-10-12 A S South

14 33 LINDALANE 457 Miss 2 Green 5-10-7 L A S South

5-4 Colour Code, 15-8 Justin Mac, 4-1 Valenticiony, 16-1 Aren's We Lucky, Storwiess, 20-1 Vanadism Ore, 25-1 Lindapane, 32-1 other.

1.20 SOUTHERN REPORTER HOVICES CHASE

10 8-U APACHE RAIDER 10 F Baughty 5-10-13 .... P Carborry -11 0-56 DERANGEE 12 (S) 6 Richards 5-10-13 .... B Harding 94
2-1 Celts: Good. 4-1 Winter Bello, 6-1 Hobbart. 7-1 Cartey Lad, Desanne, 8-1 Marriag, 10-1 Allenbark, 12-1 others.

1.50 MASON ORGANISATION MAIDEN HURDLE (£3,081; 2m 6f 110vd) (19)

(F3,081: 2m 6f 110yd) (19)

1-000 CHAN MOVE 7 W Smith 5-11-5 STaylor (5)

3 P1- CHARRAMS ADMRNA 12 Mrs A Swintonia 4-11-5 Mr C Wilson

3 P1- CHARRAMS MOSS 281P 631 D M Forstor 6-11-5 B Storey

4-542 COUNT KARMANSKI 137 Kurpty 5-11-5 E Callagham

5 005 GAAZA 6 N Mason 5-11-5 K Admission

6 092- JUST ONE QUESTION 276 (67 J J D Noil 7-11-5 P Carborry

7 S MASTER WOOD 13 C Grant 6-11-5 R Barriby

8 DUF MR FRANSPAN 16 G Rehards 6-11-5 B Harriby

9 30-4 MASAYER 12 N Mason 7-11-5 L Wyer

9 30-4 MASAYER 12 N Mason 7-11-5 R McCarab (3)

11 3-20 TOTIER FOLLE 59 Mrs M Resetty 4-11-5 R McCarab (3)

12 4- WEE TAIN 429 L Lungo 8-11-5 R Supple

13 40-3 YOUNG STEVEN 21 Mrs S Beathure 6-11-5 Mr M Bradbarre (5)

14 4-DOC CEL TIC COMMA 14 (8) W Read 6-11-0 R McCarab (5)

15 Mas 2 LUNGODD Y 25 Mrs G Thomson 4-11-0 D Parts

16 PMD RARRAMSHE H A I Count Karmasia, 5-1 Act One Guestion, 10-1 Master Wood, Northern Motol, Totom Fole Joseoby, 12-1 others

2.20 ERIC GILLIE HORSE TRANSPORT HANDICAP CHASE (\$4,379: 2m 6t 110yd) (5) 5-2 Ballytine, 11-4 Seeking Gold, 3-1 Tough Test, 7-2 Coops Lane, 10-1 Arctic.

 $2.50\,$  moet & Chandon Peckham Handicap Chase (£4,380: 3m 41) (5) 1 0-20 BETTER TIMES AHEAD 9 (6,5) G Richards 11-11-13

2.4-21 CEPLION BOY 21 (CO.F.G.S) Mrs. J Goodfellow 11-11-10 3 515/ ARENCROMETY CHEF 611 (C,S) J Howard Johnson 12-10-10 4 13-4 JUDICIOUS CAPTAIN 37 (G.S) Mrs J Slorev 10-10-9
Wir C Storey
13653312 D'ARSELAY STREET 27 (B.C.S) W Keng 8-10-0 S Durant (S)
9-4 D'Arbiny Street, 5-2 Better Times Ahead, 11-4 Cenich Soy, 5-1 Judicious
Captain, 10-1 Abertromby Craf.

3.20 BETWICK ADVERTISER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HUNDLE (\$2,276; 2m 110yd) (7) 

6 28/1 E-USINE STAR 43 (D,6) Nr. M Rosely 7-10-3 . 6 Les 114 / 783-LATM LEADER 249 (B.D.F.G) C Parke 7-10-0 . f Leshy 119 9-4 Elusses Star 5-1 Rossel, Common Strand, 11-2 Halledselads, 6-1 Master Hyde, 7-1 Concating, 18-1 Latin Leader

COURSE SPECIALISTS

KELSO, Tramers, Mrs A Sembank, 8 emaers from 22 moners, 35 45; Ms; M Reveley, 40 from 125, 32 0%, F Marphy, 3 from 12, 25 0%, J Dun, 3 from 15, 20 0%, Mss J Sonotellow, 10 from 52, 19.2%, J Husserd Johnson, 17 from 89, 19.1%, Josévye, Mr C Wilson, 4 moners from 8 rides, 50 0%, P Miyen, 50 from 15, 34.5%, Ms M Exarborne, 8 from 24, 33.3%, E Callaghan, 4 from 15, 26.7%; P Centerry, 10 from 44, 22.7%, Ms C Storey, 6 from 28, 21.4%. LINGHELD PARK: Trainers: C Thombox, 5 simmers, from 18 runnies, 27 8%, Lady Henries, 12 from 52, 22 1%, J Berry, 39 from 182, 21 4%; W D'Scorpat, 21 from 124, 16.9%; Mess G Kelleway, 33 from 202, 16.3%, Johnbergs: P Dobbs, 3 wenners from 7 rides, 42 9%, Format D Generalo, 23 from 123, 18.7%; J Wilkinson, 6 from 34, 17.6%, 17 Ryan, 37 from 216, 17 1%; 8 Coctoome, 69 from 413, 16 7%.

#### LINGFIELD PARK

12.30 The Fed. 1.00 Village Pub. 1.30 Tangerine Flyer. 2.00 Touchanova. 2.30 Sylvan Dancer. 3.00 SARATOGA RED (nap), 3.30 Prix De Clermont.

GOING: STANDARD

Draw: 5F-7F, Low Numbers Best

12.30 INKERMAN HANDICAP (Div I: £1,944. 5f) (8 runners) 1 0563 FRIENDLY BRAVE 18 (E,BF,CD,F,S) Miss G Kellowy 7-10-0

2 000U ROWLANDSURS STUD 95 (C) K Correctord 4-9-8 M Festion 1 3 0005 GOODBYE GATEMEN 10 (D.S.) B Peace 3-9-7 March Duyer 1 4 3040 Modrisoff Tuber 240 (J.S.) B Peace 3-9-7 March Duyer 1 5 0004 MAPCLEON STAR 14 (V.D.) Mass 1 Crare 6-8-8 march Rates (C.S.)

0600 GEORDIE LAD 67J J Bonnet 3-8-4 0000 MELBOURNE PRINCESS 28 R WAY -1000 THE FED 14 (D.F.C.S) J Eyro 7-8-1 7-4 Friendly Boste, 5-1 Goodbye Galacter, The Fed. 13-2 Midnight Times, 7-1 Routandoors, Stad. Hangleon Star, 14-1 Melbourne Princess, 20-1 Georgie Lad

1.00 INKERMAN HANDICAP (Div 18: £1,944: 51) (8) 1 0294 MISTER RADER 18 (R.CD.F) E Wheeler 5-9-13 B 0T.sary (7) 6
2 0032 JUST DISSIDENT 10 (D.F.6) R Whitpser 5-9-7 M Tebbutt 2
3 0015 SURE TO DREAM 18 (C) R Phithps 4-3 R Perham 1
4 0000 SUPER ROCKY 14 (R.CD.F.5) R Besimen 8-6-18 S Whithwork 3
5 4000 SUPERAD 39 (V.D.F.S) Likebur 5-8-6 P Doc (7) 7
6 0600 VILLAGE PUB 18 (8) R Cambrighers-Brown 3-8-4 S Sprake 8
7 0605 ALLSTARS DWICER 138 T Hempton 4-3 Reclave Monoty (7) 4
8 4006 AMP EOPRESS 14 (D.F.6) P Felipse 4-9-1 Date Gloson 5

11-4 Just Dissident, 3-1 Missier Ranter, 4-1 Sure To Dream, 7-1 Imp Express 8-1 Village Puth Allistars Dancer, 14-1 Super Rocky, Supertao 1.30 LIGHT BRIGADE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: \$2.294: 5f) (8)

2-1 Precious Princess, 4-1 Best of Our Days, Tangerine Flyer, 6-1 Chillapetray, Pearly Queen, 10-1 Super Impose, 20-1 Just For Tina, 25-1 Burnden Days

2.00 ALMA NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0, £2,830; 6f) (10)

3-) Wolfmani, 4-1 Blue Shadow 9-2 Batchworth Belle, Mopi's Magne, 13-2 Ok Babe, 10-1 Dance To The Beal, 16-1 Basic Style, 20-1 others.

2.30 THIN RED LINE MAIDEN STAKES (£3,501: 7f) (15)

(£3,501: 7f) (15)

1 0000 DURABLE GEORGE 18 J Bridger 3-9-0 ... R Cochrana 1
2 0300 DURABLE GEORGE 18 J Bridger 3-9-0 ... J Guinn 9
3 425 SUPER MONARCH 201 (BF) S Dou 3-9-0 ... W Ryan 10
4 0 TOMERN 24 J Bridger 5-9-0 ... N Adams 11
5 0033 WITCHFRIDER 24 (V.BF) Mrs L Shoiss 5-9-0 S Walthwrith 4
6 AMTA N WALES P Esstes 3-8-9 ... G Faultors (5) 7
7 4025 BLUE LAMP 34 R Ingram 3-8-9 ... A McBlome (5) 7
7 4025 BLUE LAMP 34 R Ingram 3-8-9 ... A McBlome (6) 7
10 0-05 KERN SALLY 20 R Gees 4-8-9 ... Candyn Bable (7) 5
10 0-05 KERN SALLY 20 R Gees 4-8-9 ... Esste (7) 5
11 0 MARSAS PT 215 T Propel 3-6-9 ... Proper (7) 14
12 0032 MISCOUDUCT 20 6 L Moore 3-6-9 ... A Clast 13
13 0-50 PERTY SHAPE 237 J Berry 3-8-9 ... P Roberts (5) 15
14 0000 ROYAL BEBLEM 10 E Wasler 3-8-9 ... P Roberts (5) 15
15 0004 SYLVAN DANCET 28 6 Branty 3-6-9 ... N Doy 8
11-4 Super Monarch, 7-2 Witshifmer, 5-1 Blue Lamp, 6-1 Misconduct, 7-1 Sylvan 11-4 Super Monarch, 7-2 Witchlinder, 5-1 Blue Lamp, 6-1 Misconduct, 7-1 Sylvan Dancer, 10-1 Castle Ashby Jack, 14-1 Pretty Sharp, 20-1 others

3.00 CRIMEA HANDICAP (£2,921: 1m 2l) (14) 

9-2 Polished Sizer, 5-1 Classic Find, 11-2 Kalil. 7-1 Massyer Seventeen, Hartequito Yeall. 10-1 Saratoga Sed. 12-1 Digbasi, 14-1 others

3.30 SEVASTOPOL APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£1,999: 1m 5f) (8)

1 2019 MGHT CTTY 28 (C.S.) K Buste 6-9-10 P Don (3) 4
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ASCO1. Golden: good to soft, soft in places: 12.36 (2m 3) 110yd ch) 1, Chief's Song (R Durwoody, 2-1): 2, Jefferies: (3-1) Ground Nat (f) 11-70 few 3 ran NR Crack On 4! S Dow Tote, 52.50 DF 53 00, CSF, 55.23 1 10 (2m 110yd holle) 1, Wahibbs Sands (A P McCoy, 5-4 les): 2, Soloman (16-1) 3, Polydrames (7-1) 9 ran, 31, 13-1 J Durhop Tote 12.20; 51 40, 52.30, E1 70 DF 517 50 Tote 52.00; 51 40, 52.30, E1 70 DF 517 50 Tote 52.00; 11 10 ct 12 by 11 11 10 ct 14 few 1, Parchyla Return 145 City 11 11 10 ct 14 few 1, Parchyla Return

1.45 (3m 1/ 110yd hdie) 1. Paddy's Return (N Williamson, 6-1) 2. Protweti (7-4 tav); 3. Birnsay (33-1) 7 ran 191,81 F Murphy Tote 67-20; 62-60, 61-70. DF 66-70 CSF 619,84 2.20 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Cool Dawn (A Thom-lon, 5-2 kay; 2, Harwell Lad (16-1), 3, Call it A Day (7-2) 6 ran 9, 221 R Ainer Tote £3.20; £1.80, £3.60 DF £19.20 CSF £29.21

Et 80, 53 60 DF £19.20 CSF £29.21 2.50 (2m ch) 1. Cellbate (M A Fizgerald, 8-1); 2. Lord Doncel (6-1), 3. Super facilics (7-1). Leokard 5-2 law 7 ram, 8, 1-4) C. Mann Tote £13.30; £3.70; £2.90 DF £28.00 CSF £9.19 3.20 (2m 110yd helle) 1. Mr Markham (P Hole, 9-2); 2. Shappea (6-1), 3. I'm Supposin 5-6 law) 5 ram 2, 3. J. Githord Tote £5.10, £2.10; £2.50 DF £12.30 CSF £26.23 Ancktoot not won coool of £36.419.30 Jackpot: not won (pool of £36,419.30 carried forward to Ludlow today).
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Haydock Park

1 Icty CUCK F CIT 1225 1, Kilbride Lad (evens lav), 2 Warrin (33-1), 3, Boileto (33-1), 14 ran 1.00 1 Dauaii Dancer (5-2); 2, Stormy Passage (4-7 lav), 3, Ballyvoughan (20-1), 4 ran, NR Jympan Johnny 1.35 1 Ranger Stoane (13-2); 2, Sant Cel (100-30); 3, San Selection (5-2 fav) 5 ran 2.10 1, Him Of Praise (11-10 fav), 2, Full Of Cets (11-2), 3 Court Melody (9-2) 8 ran 2.40 1 Malaestic Sound (5-1), 2, Ind York 2.40 1, Majestic Sound (5-1), 2, Lord York (4-1); 3, Stonesby (9-4 fav. 7 ran 3.10 1. High Altitude (5-1), 2, Beachy Head (6-4 lay); 3: Vallant Warnor (5-1), 6 ran, NR, Ostrocitive, Sparish Light 3.40 1, Festive Teak (2-5 tavi; 2 Teli Monty (20-1); 3, Time Warnor (6-1), 9 ran

Lingfield Park 12.15 1, Province (13-2); 2, Noble Torn (11-4), 3, Kelly Mac (13-8 lav) 4 ran. 1**2.50 1, Cam'i Say** (7-1); 2, Cool Spoi (12-1). 3, **Wonderfull** Polly (11-2) Gratomi 13-8 (av. 9

ran 1.20 1, Miss Roberto (5-2); 2. Meriena (9-4 lay), 3, Takesmemo (3-1) 4 rah 1.60 1, Swing West (9-4 lay), 2. Teadral (5-2), 3, Zabersel (4-1) 12 ran 2.25 1, Royal Toest (7-1); 2. Arkey Royal (6-4 lay), 3, Tree Creeper (15-8) 11 ran 2.55 1, Less Rumble (9-2); 2, Take The Buckstan (11-2), 3, Dencetiffyourino (11-2), Thermal Wanter (11-8 lay 9 ran, NR Tariol Glory Gabry 3.25 1, Repeat Offer (9-2), 2. The Pickled Duke (16-1); 3, Royal Valor (33-1). Polar Rambler 13-8 lav. 15 ran

Uttoxeter 12.20 1, Rectory Garden (7-4 fev) 2. General Pongo (15-5); 3, Sheelin Lad (6-1), 4 ran 12.55 1. Mike Stan (6-1); 2. Deru (33-1); 3. Riot Leader (6-1) Cypress Avenue 9-2 fav 15 ran NR Telaporky 1.30 1. Polar Prospect (7-1) 2. Bagound (4-1); 3. Koathary (20-1) Bold Gari 9-4 kay 15 ran NR Go Britanna. 2.001; 46ph Mood (11-4) 2. Ragamuli (11-8 lan); 3. Zaricon (7-4) 3 ran NR- Henry Cone 2 30 1, Red Blazer (4-1); 2, Mr Monarty (9-2), 3, Beggars Banquet (9-2). Spondid 3-1 (ox 6 3.00 1, Lake Kariba (1-3 tev); 2, Tennessee King (3-2), 3, The Fence Simpler (50-1) 6

#### JUMPS LEADERS

3.30 1 Rhosneigr Bey (13-2), 2, Sumstyne Special (9-2); 3, Brogemer (6-4 tav) 15 ran.

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FOR THE RECORD (Japan) (112.0, 108.5) 198.4; 5, D Thorne (Gar) (109.5, 113.5) 195.4; 8, M Hoelwarth (Austria) (110.0, 111.5) 193.7 Yesterday; 1, M Hamda (Japan) (117.5, 123.5) 236.8; 2 Petertes (Stonatis) (119.5, 120.5) 232.8; 3, Homgacher (115.5, 123.5) 231.2; 4, Homgacher (118.5, 120.0) 228.8; 8, A Goldberger (Austria) (116.0, 118.5) 224.1; Leading World (Cup positions: 1, Harada 475pts; 2, Thorne 465; 3, I Stonmen (Ph) 400; 4, Peterja 351; 5, A Widhoeld 905; 3, Prisand 877. C Nibrum and M McClain (US) (44.581, 45.294) 1.29.885; 6, Y Marikel and T Rudotph (Gar) (44.884, 45.227) 1.30.091. Leading Woold Cup positions: 1, Grimmels and Mertin 1.29; 2, Parrienstains and Huber (h) 107; 4, C Thorpe and G Sheer (US) 103; equal 5, D Teheban and V Kneib (Russ) and Steel and Wolser 66. Women: Singless: 1, 5 Otto (Ger) (44.618, 44.697) 1.29.302; 2, S Kraushasz (Ger) (44.814, 44.976) 1.29.302; 2, S Kraushasz (Ger) (44.814, 44.976) 1.29.307; 3, B Niedeminuber (Ger) (44.701, 44.997) 1.29.698; 4, A Neumer (Russine) (44.9974), 45.109 1.29.590; 5, S Estimarm (Ger) (44.898, 45.066) 1.29.381; 8, A Tageartier (14.991) (45.006) 1.29.381; 8, A Tageartier (14.991) (45.000, 44.990) 1.29.590. Leading World Cup positions: 1, G Weissensbister (9) 197; equal 2, C Myler (US) and N Obtificher (b) 101; 4, Niedernhuber 90; 5, Kraushasz 89; 6, Neumer 83. Millom 6: Mayfield 4 Featherstone Llons 28: Moldgreen 22 Sidde 20; Myton Wenton v Notatrd Postporaet; Ovenden 30 Wigen St. Patticls 22: Queens 42 Beverley 19: Sterningley 10 Featwarth ROB 37; Weiney Central 12 Laigh Mintes 12: Wigen Rose 6: 8 West Hall 37: Woolston 22 Othern St. Annet 0; Worth Village 4 Thorntal 52 Yesterday, Rechill 14 Lock Lane 18. super-middleweight .chemplemehbx D Francis (Basengstoke) bt F Sedler (Fr) fixe 9th British and WSO tras-continental light-middleweight chemplemehbx: E Bing-ham (Manchester) bt N Thurbin (Loughton) rsc 12th. LEAGUE: First division: Bonegrass Grove 6 Merchashill 2: Western Kilck Photopoint. 11 Aberdeen Bon Accord 0; Edinburgh Ladies 7 Chydecide 1; Aberdeen Bon Accord 0 Bonegrees Grove 13: Mercheshill 0 Edinburgh Ladies 12: Chydecide 0 Western Kilck Photopoint 5; Mercheshill 8 Aberdeen Bon Accord 2; Bonegrass Grove 5; Chydecide 2; Edinburgh Ladies 1 Western Kilck Photoprint 2. FREESTYLE SKIING Colorado Los Angeles Sen Jose Ansheim Edmonton Vancouver LA PLAGNE: World Cup: Mogula: Ment: 1, J Moseley (US) 28.72pts; 2, F Ouglar Fr; 26.55; 3, L Lassila (Fin) 25.74; 4, P Sundberg (Swe) 25.55; 5, J Moren (US) 25.51; 6, J Latella (Fin) 25.07; Lesding World Cup positions; 1, Moseley 296pts; 2, J-L Brassled (Con) 236; 3, S Roction (Carl) 205; 4, J Hymback (Swe) 208; 5, D Getther (Carl) 200; 6, Ouglar 172 Womer: 1, Millions (Swe) 24.07; 2, A Battale (US) 23.98; 3, G Reuecher (Ger) 23.51; 4, K ma. (No) 23.41; 5, T Millionseyer (Ger) 21.14; K ma. (No) 23.41; 5, T Millionseyer (Ger) 21.51; 4, K ma. (No) 23.41; 5, T Millionseyer (Ger) 20.10; 250; 2, Millionseyer 260; 3, S Schmitt (Ger) 200; 4, Eliman 186; 5, Reuecher 196; 6, Tras (No) 192. NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Green Bay 31 Buffalo 21; St Louis 30 Caroline, 18 ATLANTA: Ploneer Screet: Kentucky St 30 Livingstone 28 LAS VEGAS: Las Vegas Bowl: Oregon 41 No 23 Air Force 13. rsc 12th.

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Meigounov (Rusel) 270: 5, R. Gross (Ger)
40 7: 6, F. Luch, (Ger) 53.5, Leading World
Cup positioner 1, Flacher 107 pts, Gross 92;
5, Meigourov 90: 6, Wustenleid 83, Reley
(4.7 fism) 1, Russis 128:58.0, 2, Belanus
122:18.7; 3, Italy 128:23.8, 4, Austria
128:22 5, Germany 128:48.3, 6, Fritlend
129:10.5, Leading World Cup positions:
1, Russis 50bts; 2, Risky 48; 3, Germany 47;
4, Nonetey 48, 5, Belanus 44, Women:
Pursual (10km): 1, M. Forsberg (Swet)
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1 seast, 3, M. Zellner (Ger) 4.8; 4, U. Disl
(Ger) 22.6, 5, A Grasle (Slovertia) 32; 1; 6, L.
Lissianova (Cu) 102.2, Leading World Cup
positions: 1, Fontherg 155 pts; 2, G
Kouldeva (Russ) 145; 3, Grasic 116; 4, Disl
115; 5, Voltone 101; 8, C. Nogert (Fr) 73.
Relay
(4.7 f.Smr): 1, Casch Republic
142:09.2; 2, France 1:42:19.2; 3, Germany
143:09.3; 4, Russia 1:43:21.3; 6, Poland
143:55.4; 6, Lupan 1:45:41.5; Leading
World Cup positions: 1, France 56;pts; 2,
Crach Republic 5: 3, Germany 50; 4,
Russia 46, 5, Poland 39, Leading Nation's
Cup positions: 1, Russia 3,500;pts; 2,
Germany 3,543; 3, France 3,044.

BOXING **ICE SKATING** MUNICHE Chempions Series Final: Leading Brasi positions; Ment 1, Ela Kuffs (Fluss) 2. Becirred placements; 2, E Stojko (Carl) 25; 3, T Eldradge (US) 4,5; 4, E Yagushi-Russ) 70; 5, E Planthenico (Russ) 70; 6, 1 Peanhanton (Russ) 70; 6, 1 Peanhanton (Russ) 70; 6, 1 Peanhanton (Russ) 8, 5 Homen; 1, T Lighrish (US) 1,5; 2 T Seasecarrico (Ger) 3,6; 3, M Buspralosys (Russ) 4,0; 4, 1
Statelays (Russ) 60; 5, E Solicitore (Fluss) 75, Peira: 1, E Beruchrusya and A Stifnaudicas (Russ) 20; 2, M Wottel and 1 States (Ger) 25; 3, O Kazakova and A Draiblew (Russ) 4,5; 4, Xus Shan and Hongbo Zhao (Chira) 60; 5 berdanout 1, P Grishuk end E Pistov (Russ) 2,0; 2, SL Bourne and V Castle (Carl) 40; 3, M Antasha and G Peizarat (Fr) 6,8; 4, 1 Lobachava and S Peizarat (Fr) 6,8; 4, 1 Lobachava and G Season (US) 11.6. EXPRESS CUP: Shalfield 5 Manchester 4 SUPERLEAGUE: Newcastle 1 Bracknell 4 SUPERLEAGUE: Newcaste 1 Bracknell 4.

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DTZ MEDLAND COUNTIES INDOOR CHARMS IN CONTROL Laisure Centre: Pool A: Bromagrove 1 South Nothingham 4: Cambook 5 Bromagrove 1: South Nothingham 4: Cambook 5 Pool B: Berined Tigers 10 West Bridgiford 1; Leek 2 Berined Tigers 10 West Bridgiford 1; Leek 2 Berined Tigers 10 West Bridgiford 1; Leek 2 Berined Tigers 10 Leek 7 Bughtorough Suderss 7: Loughtorough Studens 4 West Bridgiford 3 Leek 8 A Wyre Forest Galess Agents: Pool C: Beaston 6 Chon and West Warwicks 2; Kickleminster 3 Herboims 9; Kickleminster 3 Herboims 8; Kickleminster 3 Herboims 8; Kickleminster 3 Herboims 8; Kickleminster 3 Herboims 8; Kickleminster 3 Herboims 9; Kickleminster 3 Pool D: Edghaston 6 Strewsbury 4; Edghaston 7 Stourport 1: North Stafford 4 Stourport 1; North Stafford 5 Stourport 10 Strewsbury 2 North Stafford 5 Stourport 10 Strewsbury 2 North Stafford 10 Strewsbury 2 North 10 Strewsbury 10 Strewsbury 2 North 10 Strewsbury 2 North 10 Strewsbury 2 North **TABLE TENNIS** LACROSSE ATHENS: Men's European Leegue: First division, first leg: Greece 4 England 2 (England names first: B Billington bit K Kreenga 21-15, 21-19; C Presm bit 1 Kociousis 21-15, 21-19; A Peny lost to N Tackes 18-21, 14-21; Presm and Peny lost to Teicless and P Gins 21-3, 19-21; S-21; Presm lost to Kreenga 14-21, 10-21; Billington lost to Tsickes 14-21, 19-21. SHEPHERDS FRIENDLY SOCIETY LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Wascotster 12 Sheffield University 6; Cheadle Hutme 5 Poynton 6; Hutmalane 5 Heaton Mersey 8; Stockport 6 Cheadle 10. LUGE CALGARY: World Cur: Men; Singles: 1, A Zaeggeler (I) (46,654-45,465) 1mm 31.128aec; 2. J McDer (Ger) (45,710,45,483) 1:31.173; 3. G Hackl (Ger) (45,710,45,483) 1:31.203; 4. N Huber (II) (45,749,45,483) 1:31.202; 5. G Gleisscher (Austrie) (45,690,45,579) 1:31.295; 6. M Prock (Austrie) (45,785,45,501) 1:31.316. Leading World Cup positions: 1, 2aeggeler 155otx; 2. Huber 116; 3. Gleinscher (04,4. A Demtscherke (Plats) 101; exqual 5, M Ceinheitz (Austrie) and Hackl 87. Doubles: 1, M Ceinheitz (Austrie) and Hackl 87. Doubles: 1, M Ceinheitz (Austrie) and B Martin (US) (44,444,443,742) 1:223.182; 2. S. Kozusse; and J Befrenck (Ger) (44,534,44,854) 1:29.388; 3. G Planfungsteiner and O Hasethoder (II) (44,701,44,989) 1:29.867; 4, S Skal and S Woller (Ger) (44,683,45,141); 1:29.824; 5, **BOXING** Billington lost to Tsicksis 14-21, 19-21.

HONG KONE: (TTF Pro-Tour Finals: Men: Strigles: Serral-Brasis: Wang Lichn (China) bt J-M Sahe (Bell) 21-10, 21-19, 21-10; V Sensonov (Bels) bt 2 Primorae (China) bt 3-12-21, 12-21, 21-17, 22-20. Final: Sensonov bt Warng 21-16, 21-14, 14-21, 21-17. Doubles: Final: Kong Lingtiut and Liu Guollang (China) bt J Floeskop! (Gar) and V Sensonov (Bels) 19-21, 21-18, 21-12, 21-19, 22-24, 21-12 Wang Nan (China) bt Perk Hee Jung (S Kor) 21-8, 21-16, 21-17. Doubles: Final: Li Ju and Wang Nan (China) bt Park Hee Jung 23-25, 21-16, 21-17. Doubles: Final: Li Ju and Wang Nan (China) bt Park Hee Jung and Kim Moo Kyu (S Kor) 21-17, 21-13, 19-21, 21-13. Northeast division
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LONDON ARENA: World Boxing Council
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Central division

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DERBY: LARA Open repeat Miles Ment 1, D Yates (Medicols) 4mm 49ees, 2, K Pye (Derby Police) 5:01; 3, J Chambers (North Derbyshine) 5:07. Women: T Ersiche (Medicols) 5:47. Women: T Ersiche (Medicols) 5:47. Selbwelt: 10km; Ment: 1, M Price (Sunderland) 20:37; 3, G Nogel (Getenheed) 30:42. Fearms: 1, Sunderland 17:05; 2, Morpeth 22; 3, Galtesheed 24. Velerans: A Jentine (Morpeth) 32:48. Women: I, H Robinson (Crassita-le-Street) 32:43; Women: I, H Robinson (Crassita-le-Street) 32:37; 2, L Ment (Iyedele) 37:03; 3, D Todd (Jenrow and Hebburn) 37:31. Tearms: 1, Jenrow and Hebburn) 37:31. Tearms: 1, Jenrow and Hebburn) 37:31. Tearms: 1, Jenrow and Hebburn) 37:31. Tearms: 1, H Robinson (Crassita-le-Street) 39:37; 2, L Ment (Iyedele) 37:02; 3, D Todd (Jenrow and Hebburn) 37:31. Tearms: 1, Jenrow and Jenr Townerd (Hampshite) 17:27; 3, C Campbell (Herifordshire) 17:32. Tearns: 1, Hampshire 25; 2 Devon 47; 3, Heritordshire 49, Under-15 40ns; 1, L. Damen (Dorset) 14:58; 2, L. Dobinskey (Kert) 18:07; 3, D. Jeifey (Kert) 15:12. Tearns; 1, Hampshire 70; 2 Essex 76; 3, Kert 80, Under-13 30ns; 1, C. Moore (Dorset) 12:19; 2, S. Brough (Heritordshire) 12:24; 3, C. Harvey (Kert) 12:27; Parms; 1, Dorset 55; 2, Heritordshire) 12:24; 3, C. Harvey (Kert) 12:27; Parms; 1, Dorset 55; 2, Heritordshire) 23:33; 3, Norset 55; 2, Heritordshire) 23:30; 3, S. Sharp (Furna TW-) 26:12. Tearns; 1, Hillingdon) 25:min 23:ecc; 2, J. Germy (Newsharm and Essex Basqles) 26:07; 3, S. Sharp (Furna TW-) 26:12. Tearns; 1, Hillingdon 20:62; 2, Verlea 20:33; 3, North London 19:59. Veteran; E. Karanen (Sarpentine) 28:05. Leading positions after three matches; 1, Hillingdon 19:73; 2, Seppentine 19:3; 2, Hillingdon 19:73; 3, Woodford Green 147. Leading poetions after three matches; 1, Hillingdon 79:5; 2, Seppentine 73:1; 3, Purna TVH 69:7. COULSOON: Stubbe Cop; 7:5 miles: Mer; 1, S. Mejor (South London Hamers) 48:21. Veteran; G. Couston (South London Hamers) 49:1. Veteran; G. Custon (South London Hamers) (South London Hamers) 49:07. Road running 8:01:50:07:50 BUDWESSER LEAGUE: Newcisste Engles 89 Watford Royals 65: Tharmss Velley Tigers 107 Lenoards 96: Manchaster Glarrss 112 Crystal Palence 91: Lelcester Rickers 112 Watford Royals 86: Worthing Beers 87 Birmingham Bullets 102 Track and field
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Beagles) 7.08 Tricle Jump: J Lumes (Vertea)
13 35m. Short: M Proctor (Newham and Espect
Beagles) 20.16m. (European Indoor
Championships qualifying standard and
Stadum record). Women: 60m: S Anderson (Shethesbury Bernet) 7 6sec. High
Jump: V Kallaway (Medway) 1.2m. Pole
vesit: L. Webber (Brighton and Howe)
3.30m. Long Jump: P HusbandsMacSween (South London Hemers) 4.53m.
Shot: J Oakes (Croydon) 18 40m.
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BRUSSELS: IAAF World Cross Challenge: Mark 10.5 fm 1, J Michaen (Ken)
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Yospel (Ken) 33:12; 4, A Mezsgebu (Eth)
33:16; 5, C Jorganean (Dan) 33:18; 5, K
Culen (SS) 33:19. Leeding positions: 1,
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2, P Radcilile (GB) 20:48; 3, K Dubacha (Eth)
21:06; 4, M Darhobta (Eth) 21:10; 5, G Upge
(Eth) 27:16; 6, V Dejseghare (Bel) 21:18.
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Extres (b 1, ib 5, w 8) Tour match Adjos: 2, Herné Hill 68; 3, Bank of England 151. Veteran: 4.8 milles: 1, 1 Ernay (Windsor, Slough and Eton) 27min 17sec; 2, M Nouch (Belgrave) 27:83; 3, R Roah (Wolking) 27:51. Womer: 1, W Chalmers (Herné Hill) 32:13; 2, L Skinner (Garden City Joggers) 33:10; 3, J Ousrtrell (South London Harnors) 33:32 GLENARIFF FOREST: Race over the Gien: 7 miles: Men: 1, M Shields (North Bollast) 39min 33sec (course record); 2, D Ficher (Bullydram) 40:01; 3, A Magure (North Bollast) 40:38. Women: 1, P Curin (Bullyman and Aratim) 46:31; 2, N McMoelán (CMMS) 52:01; 3, H McMerman (BAFF) 58:14 New York New Jersey Washington Boston Philadelphia South Africa Students v England Under-19 PORT ELIZABETH (England Under-19 won toss): South Airca Students beat England Under-19 by three wickets Total (7 vids, 48 overs) SCHOOLS M Holmes and J Albernie did not bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-111, 3-111, 4-119, 5-121, 6-151, 7-177. .731 .580 .640 .625 .625 .480 .444 .115 1% 2% 3 ENGLAND UNDER-19 ENGLAND UNDER-19
G R Napier C Henderson b Evans 4
R W T Key not out 105
S D Paters c Jacobs b Ensitn 19
G P Steam run out 0
M A Gough c Jacobs b Love 17
IN Planagan c Jacobs b Alberse 7
I C Powell b Love 4
P J Franks b Love 9
J T Tucker run out 2
R J Logan b Evans 10
IN J Wilton c Mitobs b Holmes 1
Evans (Ib 2, w 11, rib 3) 17
Total (48,4 evers) 194 SPORT BOWLING: Logan 10-1-45-2; Franks 9-0-45-0; Tucker 3-0-23-0; Swann 10-0-29-1; Powell 10-0-24-3; Gough 6-0-28-1. 6% 7% 18 13 15 23 FOOTBALL Umpires: M Gaijer and D O'Rally. Premier League Trophy Under-19 Cheshire 0 Merseyside 1 South Yorkshire 3 North-Yorkshire 0 IN Planagari C Jacobs b Albarie 7

EMETER: English inter-counties under-28

championship: 10km² I, H Lobb (Bedfordshite) 33rm S2acc, 2. Andrew Gratin
(Kerli) 34 18. J. M. Gregory (Hampetin)
19. 48. 4 K Stons (Devori) 35 50; 5. S Turvi
(Humpshite) 35 15; 6. M. Colman (Kerli)
19. 25 Teems: 1, Harpshire 35pt; 2, Avon
44. 3, Kert 49, 4, Survey 68; 5, Oxfordshire
103; 6. Dorset 111 South of England
Women's Inter-counties championships:
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Hydro (Survey) 2349; 4, C Herbert (Sussey)
2400, 5 E Danibors (Survey) 420; 6, J
Brown (Dorset) 24-12 Teems: 1, Survey 29;
29. Hampshire 59; 3, Sussex 63; 4, Devon
69; 5, Oxfordshire 112, 8, Kent 124, Junior;
4, Skim: 1, T Povey (Devon) 17,08; 2, R

M Bonfield b Logen 7

4 P J Franks b Love 9

7 J Franks b Love 9

8 J T Frank BRISBANE: Tour match (bird day of four): South Africana 458-9 dec (W J Cronte 107 not out, G Kristen 19) and 114-3 (D J Cultimar 60 not our); Australia A 330 (J L Langer 88, M Stater 80, D S Lahmann 86; S M Patiock 4-88). Pet .636 .625 .600 .458 .346 .200 Houston Utah San Antonio Minnesota Vancouver Dalles Danver Under-16 South Yorkshire 2 North Yorkshire 1 S M Pollock 4-69.

SHEPRELD SHIELD (third day of four):
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Hobart: Victoria 180-8 (D Webber 145, D Picogerald 57; S Cook 4-86) and 54-8 (G Robertson 3-7); New South Wales 519 (S Lee 183 not out, R Davison 157). Pertit:
Western Australia 184 and 186 (S Kajisin 99 not out, A J Bichel 4-52); Ouensland 341 (A Syrtonids 88, G Foley 82; J Angel 4-85) and 33-2. Northern Merit League Wakefield 0 Leeds 2 Inter-Association Braditord 4 Hull 2 Seattle
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MIDLANDS DIVISIONAL CUP: Under-14;
Second round: Kings Norton and South
Birmingham 1 Walsali 8. Competitors press on to the finish of the Old Boys' match at Wimbledon Common, which was won by Liam Bolsum of Dulwich College. Photograph: Adrian Sherratt **RUGBY UNION** Comigons: Tries; Liewellyn 2, Williams 2 | Tondu Con: Hanis. PWDLFATBBOX
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FIFTH-FICUND DRAW: Build Wells v
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Nouport; Cerngors v Caesphilly; Lendovery v Nesti; Pengrafig v Tredegar;
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Messing; Tondo v Swersset; Abertillery v
Aberavon Cuins.

| Ties to be played January 24, 1998 Lydney 19 Nottingham 25 Lydney: Tries: Durlop 2. Davis. Cone: Morts 2. Nottingham: Tries: Bygrave, Byrom, Bayrolde, Cone: C Atlanson 2. Pens: C Atlanson 2. 19 Nottingham 25 Newport Tries Mechanik 2, Connor, Goodey, M Lientellyn, M Robinson, R Williams, peralty by Const Lawson 6, Pents Lawson 2, Perithial: Tries: Stene, Thomas, Pents Frost 2. Haly: Tries: Dominguez, Pilet, Stoica, Const. Dominguez, 2 Pena: Dominguez, 6 Iroland; Try: O'Mahony, Con: Elwood, Pena: Humphrays, 4, Elwood. Ebbw Vale 57 Kidwelly Second division Editor Vale: Tries: Woodward 3, Bisp, Hayward, Llewellyn, Taumaloto, Taylor, G Williams, Cons: Hayward 8, Kidwelly: Tries: C Thomas, Williams, Cons: Northcots, Wall. 32 Mossiey North Walshum 9 Weston-e-Marse 21 Tebers 36 Plymouth 22 Camberley 12 10 0 2 363 488 20 Hersley 11 10 0 1 304 164 20 Barking 11 8 0 3 380 221. 16 Tebers 12 8 0 4 237 180 16 Cition 11 7 0 4 181 199 14 Esher 71 6 0 5 228 222 12 N Welsham 11 6 0 5 177 178 12 Bridgwath 11 5 0 6 242 316 10 Cheltenham 11 4 1 6 219 250 9 Weston-6-M 11 4 0 7 162 211 8 Hasart 11 3 1 7 147 251 7 Redustr 11 3 0 8 258 251 6 Nymouth 11 2 0 9 209 278 4 Met Poice 11 1 0 10 156 304 2 Bedford: Tries: Murdoch 2, Rayer 2, Forster Const. Rayer 2 Pent: Rayer 8/000 Pent: Murdoch 2, Rayer 2, Forster Const. Rayer 2 Pent: Murdoch 2, Rayer 2, Forster Const. Murdoch 2, Forster Murdoch 2, Forste (in Bologna) Pens: C Atlenson 2.

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Tylorstown: Perc Lloyd. South Wales
Police Tries: J Price 2, Cox, Knight, A
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Biscichesth: Tries: Clarke, Pawson,
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SOUTH WEST: First division: Samestaple 31 Stroud 11; Benry Hill 36 St Ives 10; High Wycombe 8 Mattenhead 36; Leunceston 22 Gloucestor Old Boys 10; Matten 5 Bracking 26; Perizance-Newlyn 25 Tonguny 10.
MEDIANDS: First division: Barkers Butts 31 Legiston Buzzerd 22; Beigrave 15; Hereford 9; Broadstreet 23; Bernbury 11; Butten 30 Derby 8; Syston 21 Stoke-on-Trent 15; Westleigh 20 Keriliworth 18, Whitchunt 39 Scamforope 23; Wolkenhampton 33 Manesfield 12.
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#### You do not have to be wealthy or a royal to take up carriage driving. Victoria Walker tries her hand



# 'I could feel the G-force distorting my face'

long seemed the preserve of the aristocratic elite. A century ago it was the preferred means of transport for wealthy land-, owners, and often the closest - tenant farmers came to it was When they stood beside their masters' carriages on Boxing Day to accept Christmas gifts from the more generous.

Even today carriage driving is a sport that attracts many followers from the landed classes and the Royal Family. The Duke of Edinburgh is a keen driver, although he took it up only when he was in his fitties. He has won several medals, including three bronzes and a team gold for Britain in the 1980 world

championships. Carriage driving can be an expensive sport, but it doesn't have to be. A good pony can be bought for as little as £1,500. though a good horse can cost £5.000, and a champion ten

these figures can shoot sharply into the thousands if you want to invest in an antique showing vehicle.

An ideal way to give the family pony a fresh lease of life is to have it schooled in a carriage harness. With driving lessons it is possible to enjoy the sport without making too much financial commitment or initial outlay.

Many stables, such as David Wray's Northern Riding and Carriage Driving Centre, offer driving lessons that are tailored to the needs of students, whether they just want to enjoy the occasional drive or spend a week on

The British Driving Society has a list of qualified instructors and can provide practical advice for anyone who wishes to take lessons or invest in a horse and carriage. It also has information on social and sporting activities, such as summer camps for young



carriage driving holidays. The day-to-day care of horses is a drain on time and financial resources. "It is a 24-hour job." Wray, a carriage driver and horse breeder. says. "You can't just shut the stable door and forget about

them." His advice to anyone interested in taking up the sport is: "Don't rush into it. Look around and get some sound advice. I decided to sample the sport with a driving lesson in his

carriage with his pony. Clutch, brake, accelerator — the mechanics of speeding up and slowing down on most vehi-

BY RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Nigel Short and Michael Ad-

ams have both advanced to the

quarter-finals of the Fide

championship in Groningen.

Short's comeback against

British success

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squeeze normally gets the message across. Perched precariously on a two-seat gig. there is nothing between you and the engine (one horsepower, that is), but your voice.

The reins can be used to apply pressure to either side of the animal's mouth, which will turn its head and thus the required direction. But for starting and stopping, verbal commands are the only real source of power.

Unfortunately, Paddy, the horse connected to my carriage, understood only "Yorkshire. Employing the round vowels of my Southern uptimes more. A general exercise summer camps for young cles is pretty straightforward. bringing, we remained stavehicle can be bought for £250 drivers, picnic drives and even Even astride a horse, a leg tionary for my first attempts of

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"Walk on, Paddy". It was only when I attempted to parrot the soft voice of my instructor (a Yorkshireman) that Paddy took off.

lurched so sharply that I felt that my face should have been distorted by the G-force. Luckily Wray continued to hold on to a second set of reins (much like a car driving instructor with dual controls). My fear soon gave way to exhilaration. The knowledge that I was guiding our carriage around the paddock, following wray's directions and moving it towards the letters painted at strategic points on the rails as he called them out ("left towards B and then straight over to to D") was deeply satisfying. Paddy picked his feet up with jaunty poise and I felt like an extra in a television costume drama.

Carriage drivers hold both reins in one hand and the whip in the other. To turn, you simply shorten the left or right rein, depending on the direction in which you want to go. This is, in reality, far from

The transformation from stationary to walking was truly alarming. The carriage

> simple and I found myself wishing I had extra hands. Sil up straight. coached, conscious that in Private Driving competitions, image is everything. Whether at Wembley or the Burghley Horse Trials in Lincolnshire. or any of the nation's county shows, the competitors in the Private Driving classes are easy to spot. Highly polished brass gleams in even the dullest weather. Not a speck of dust, let alone divots of mud. will be found anywhere on the

carriages, most of which are

antique. The horses are

groomed to perfection and

their drivers and passengers

are equally well turned out with matching suits and travelling rugs.

A second category. Compention Driving, is far more gruelling and taside from dressage) a less ballenc endeavour. Comparable to threeday eventing, it includes three disciplines, one of which is completed each day. The first is dressage, which

is a strict test of the driver's skill and the horse's grace. It contrasts dramatically with the cross-country section. where competitors race against the clock over a marathon obstacle course. Referee are seated on board each carriage as officials but they often find themselves acting as ballast, leaning out around bends to maintain balance, much like a yachısman. The third test is cone driving. A ball is balanced aton each cone and noints are deducted for any balls dislodged (just like the penalties for dislodging

There is a lot to learn and even harnessing a single horse to a small gig can seem tremendously complicated - 1 shudder at the thought of

fences in showjumping).

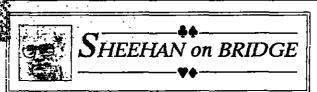
harnessing four. Wray guided me through the process twice. explaining the names and uses of such equipment as a crupper, martingale and traces. Each piece was doublechecked after being fitted to ensure that it was not too tight or too loose. But even then it seemed a complicated blur of leather and I doubt I could manage to harness a horse unaided. It would, of course, take practice, and where better to learn than at a driving

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#### By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Paul Soloway and Bobby Goldman, the former Dallas "Aces" play monthly challenge matches on OKBridge, the world's largest on-line bridge club, which at present boasts more than 10.000 subscribers spread over 60 countries. In this hand from their first match, against Mike Passell and Michael Seamon, ... Soloway (East) judged remarkably well, holding all five outstanding trumps, not to double Four Spades, the more so considering the opponents' tentative sequence to game.

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Iwo Hearts was a weak two. not quite classical. Some aggressive players are willing to make these bids on five-card stills at favourable vulnerabil-

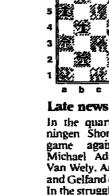
ity in order to mix it up. Declarer played the nine of clubs from durnmy at trick one, and won East's queen with the ace. With no reason to suspect the 5-0 trump break. he continued with a spade to the ace, and the contract could no longer be made — one off.

There was a winning line at trick two, one which declarer might well have found had he been tipped off by an indis-

creet double. South plays a diamond to the ace, ruffs a diamond, crosses to the jack of clubs and ruffs a second diamond. Next comes the aceking and a third heart, ruffed with the ace of trumps. Finally, he ruffs a third diamond and exits with a club or a heart. He has nine tricks in the bag, and the Q l0 of spades remaining for his tenth.

□ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.



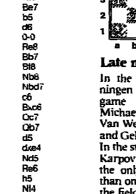


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In the quarter-final at Groningen Short won his first game against Krasenkov, Michael Adams drew with Van Wely, Anand beat Shirov and Gelfand drew with Dreev. In the struggle to play Anatoly Karpov in the final, the UK is the only country with more than one representative left in the field. The last occasion on which two British grandmasters reached the quarterfinal of the Fide world championship was in 1988. ☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in

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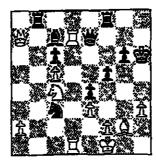


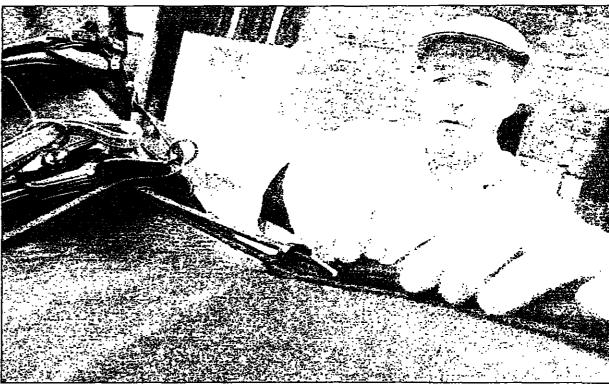
Christmas cheer For those of you who missed the Christmas competition on Saturday, here is the puzzle

#### WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Maric -Arakhamia, Hastings 1995. The invasion of the white rook on the seventh rank looks like bad news for Black. How did he prove that this is not the









Horse sense: bridles in the tackroom, left: carriage drivers hold both reins in the left hand and the whip in the other

#### WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard

YEDDO i. Tokyo -- h- A-board game

SOAY a. A sheep

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TAZETTA

a. A mullah's prayer cap b. A fragrant narcissus c. A marzipan croissant SILBO

a. A whistling language b. Silver/borax compound c. A Finnish sled

Answers on page 46

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### Civil proceedings can uphold criminal law

Attorney-General v Blake Before Lord Woolf. Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Mummery

[Judgment December 16] The Attorney-General was entitled in exceptional cases to institute civil proceedings in aid of the criminal law, to uphold the public policy of ensuring that a criminal did not retain profit derived directly from the commission of his

In an appropriate case the court would grant relief in the public interest to ensure that the criminal law was not flouted and thereby homight into disrepute.

The Court of Appeal so held. allowing the Attorney-General's appeal, on different grounds, against the dismissal by Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor (The Times April 23, 1996) of an action against George Blake to prevent him, as a former member of the Secret Intelligence Services from profiting from the publication of his autobiography No Other Choice, which described his es-pionage for the Soviet Union and contained information obtained

vhile an SIS officer. The court granted an injunction estraining Mr Blake from receiv ing any further payment resulting from the book.

In 1944 Mr Blake became a member of the SIS. From 1951 until his arrest in 1900 he spied for the Soviet Union. In 1961 he pleaded guilty to spying and was sentenced to 42 years imprisonment, but escaped in 1966. He now lived in

In his autobiography, published by Jonathan Cape Ltd in 1990, he described his activities as a KGB spy, his trial, imprisonment and n or submit the manuscript for prior approval before publication, of which the government had no advance notice.

The Attorney-General brought an action against Mr Blake claiming damages for breach of fiduciary duty and payment of all moneys received or to be received. At that time Mr Blake had been paid about £60,000.

The Vice-Chancellor dismissed the action rejecting the claim based on fiduciary duty as too wide. He accepted that a former member of SIS owed a life-long duty to the Frown not to disclose confidential information acquired in the course duty not to use his position as a former servant of the Crown to generate a profit for himself. The duty owed did not secret or confidential Therefore since no breach of confidence was claimed. Mr Blake was not in breach of any duty owed to the Crown. The Attorney-General

Private law: Mr Philip Havers. QC Miss Mary Vitoria QC and Mr Stephen Richards for the Attorney-General: Lord Lester of Pushpinder Saini as amici curiae.

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THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, giving the judgment of the court, said that the Vice-Chancellor had only dealt with the position in private law. Their Lordships had requested argument on the position in public law. The Attorney-General subsequently sought leave to amend the statement of claim to rely on Private law

Breach of fiduciary duty Their Lordships came to a similar conclusion to the Vice-Chancelior on the private law claim. The Attorney's submissions that the duty arising out of Mr Blake's fiduciary relationship with the Crown continued after his service with the Crown terminated and after the information ceased to he confidential were rejected.

The court did not recognise the concept of a fiduciary obligation which continued notwithstanding the determination of the particular relationship which gave rise to it. Equity did not demand a duty of undivided loyalty from a former employee to his former employee, nor impose a duty to maintain the confidentiality of information which had ceased to be

Breach of contract By submitting the manuscript for publication, without having first obtained clearance, Mr Blake committed a clear breach of the

express undertaking which he signed when he joined the public That was a breach of contract which prima facie entitled the Crown to an injunction and dam-

unlawful restraint of trade, since the restraint did not exceed what rendered unlawful by section I(i) of the Official Secrets Act 1989. former member of the SIS to disclose official information without lawful authority whether or

The Crown had not sought an injunction to prevent publication and now could not establish loss. It was not, therefore, entitled to other

not the information was secret or

disclosure would be damaging to

The court invited submissions on whether the Crown might have restitutionary damages for breach of contract. The Attorney decided not to advance such a claim before the Court of Appeal. Since there would be no appeal, the court expressed its view, which was biter and without the benefit of

The general rule was that damages for breach of contract were compensatory not restitutionary. restitutionary claim for profits

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made from a breach of contract in appropriate circumstances. The difficult question was in what circumstances they should be

The basis on which damages were awarded should not depend on the defendant's moral culpability. Breach of contract enabling a delendant to enter into a more profitable contract, and by enterng into a later contract putting out of his power to perform his contract with the plaintiff were insufficient to justify an award.

There were at least two situations where justice required the award of restitutionary damages where compensatory damages would be inadequate skimped performance and where a defer dant had obtained his profit by doing the very thing he had contracted not to do. That covered present case exactly. Mr Blake had promised not to disclose official information and he did so

In Snepp v United States ((1980) 100 S Ct 763) a majority of the United States Supreme Court awarded restitutionary damages for breach of contract in circumstances closely resembling the

resent case. They invoked a constructive trust impressed on the proceeds of publication without prior clearance. Their Lordships would prefer to award restitutionary damages directly for breach of contract rather than distort the equitable concepts of fiduciary ity or constructive trust to accommodate them.

In the absence of a claim for substantial damages for breach of contract, however, the private law claim was dismissed.

Public law The Attorney's role The Attorney sought relief in his historic role as guardian of the public interest. In Gouriet v Union of Post Office Workers [[1978] AC 435) all members of the House of Lords accepted that the Attorney was entitled to invoke the aid of the civil courts in support of the criminal law and that the court had power to grant injunctive relief in an appropriate case. It was obviously desirable,

where practicable, for proceedings be confined to the criminal courts. which the criminal courts were powerless to act. In such circumstances the inherent power of the Attorney was extremely valuable and should not

be artificially confined: see Attor-ney-General v Bastow (1957) 1 QB The power was not based on any narrow concept of a statute providing an inadequate remedy or the criminal courts not being able to

It at least extended to preventing the criminal law being flouted and in consequence being brought into disrepute. It was to prevent that vanced his claim in public law.

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Role of the Attorney and the In public law the two significant

features of the case were: first that Mr Blake was guilty of a serious criminal offence, a breach of the Official Secrets Act. for which he would never be tried and punished, but from which he had derived, and in the absence of a court order might continue to derive financial benefits; and second, that the plaintiff was the Attorney who occupied a unique position of responsibility in public

The jurisdiction of the courts, on an application made by the Attorney, was not limited to granting an injunction restraining the com-mission or repeated commission of a criminal offence.

If, as here, a criminal offence had already been committed, the iurisdiction extended to enforcing public policy with respect to the

An order restraining Mr Blake from receiving further benefits was not retrospective or disproporte: it only had prospective effect. It was a lesser penalty than a confiscation order under the legislation.

It supported the criminal law in an area relating to the interests of national security and it did not interfere with freedom of

Profits of exime: Public policy This was an exceptional case in which the Attorney was entitled to intervene by instituting civil proceedings, in aid of the criminal law, to uphold the public policy of ensuring that a criminal did not retain profit directly derived from

That nolicy had been recognise by Parliament in the Criminal Justice Act 1988, as amended by the Proceeds of Crime Act 1995. For Mr Blake to receive the balance of the royalties, about £90,000, would amount to the law being flouted. Safeguards against abose

The occasions on which the Attorney sought to intervene to uphold the criminal law were extremely rare. The Attorney, because of his central role in the enforcement of the criminal law. was in a particularly appropriate position to judge when to apply to the court for a remedy.

The court would carefully scrutinise the application to ensure that it was in the interests of justice that it should be granted.

The remedy should be fashioned to achieve the public law policy of aiming to prevent the offender from profiting as a result of, or in connection with his crime.

The money the subject of the injunction would be hable to confiscation, so the injunction served the ordinary purpose of preserving assets subject to a claim The fact that Mr Blake would

never return to the itinisdiction of the court was an argument for granting the injunction, not an objection to it. Notice of the injunction restraining Mr Blake from receiving or authorising anyone to receive on his behalf payment or other benefit resulting Choice should be given to Jonathan Cape Ltd.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor: Treasury Solicitor.

#### No inference over maintenance

Adami v Lincoln Grange Management Ltd Refore Lord Justice Butler-Sloss. Lord Justice Hutchison and Sir

[Judgment December 17] In the context of a 260-year lease at

a nominal ground rent which contained detailed provisions governing the repair of individual properties, the levying of a service charge to meet the costs of maintenance and for insurance to be effected and maintained at the expense of lessees to cover damage any catastrophe affecting the block as a whole so far as reasonably foreseeable it was impossible to infer an intention that the cost of maintaining the structure of each block should fall

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the lessee. David Adami, from a decision of Judge Martineau at Central London County Court, that the lessor. Lincoln Garage Manage-

for the respondent.

that the contention that it was an implied term of the lease that the lessor would be liable to make good any damage to the structure of the block whatever might be the cause of damage was simply untenable. The lease contained an elaborate

scheme under which exceptional damage to the structure was to be covered by insurance effected in the joint names of the lessor and lessee and maintained at the expense of all the lessees, although the lessor had effected insurance in its own name under a block insurance policy with the consent or acquiescence of the lessees. In so far as damage to the

tructure resulted from an insured risk, there was simply no ground for importing any implied obligation to do more than lay out hands of the lessor in making good that damage, any deficiency in the insurance moneys being made

Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and

state of repair. Mr Paul D. I. Marshall for the appellants: Mr Nicholas Vineali

SIR JOHN VINELOTT said

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13, allowing the Crown's appeal by way of case stated from the determination of Havering gen-eral commissioners that had held

, ment Ltd, was not liable under the terms of the lease to maintain the structure of the block in a proper

The judge had found that "until

that allocation agreement was in place at a terminal the commingling process cannot take place and sellers of gas would be unable to deliver gas to buyers ashore ... this fact is of direct relevance in

Total Gas Marketing Ltd v

Arco British Ltd and Others

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord

Justice Peter Gibson and Lord

A buyer of North Sea gas could

treat a commercial agreement as

being ended and not merely sus-

pended because the seller had not

fulfilled a condition of the agree-

ment by the date of the commence-

The Court of Appeal so held in a

reserved judgment, Lord Justice Nourse dissenting, allowing an

appeal by the buyer, Total Gas

Marketing Ltd, from the refusal by

Mr Justice Jonathan Parker on

May 13, 1997, to declare that Total

was not bound by the terms of the

agreement with the sellers, Arco British Ltd, Atlantic Richfield Oil

and Gas (St James) Ltd and

Talisman North Sea Ltd. Arco was

granted leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

A commercial agreement be-tween the parties in February 1995,

of a kind known as a "depletion

contract", provided for the extrac-tion and delivery of 50 per cent of

the total gas in the Trent Reservoir

at the Arco terminal at Bacton,

Norfolk, until such time as it

became uneconomic to carry out

The agreement made provision

for a base price per therm, subject

to escalation. At the time the reserves were estimated to be 190

billion cubic feet and to take about

The agreement, having made provision for the first delivery date.

by clause 2.8.1 provided: "This

agreement is conditional on ... (iii) the seller becoming party to the

illocation agreement.

The allocation agreement was

defined as the agreement(s) provid-

ing for the commingling, alloca-tion and attribution of natural gas

at the delivery terminal.

14 years to extract.

[Judgment December 16]

ment of supply. . . .

Justice Otton

Seller's failure to fulfil ends contract

> which date no allocation agreement had been entered into. Total nominated daily quantities for delivery as from that date and gas was delivered by Arco to Total from November 7, 1996, onwards. Subsequently the spot price of North Sea gas fell thus making it in Total's interest to bring the sale

agreement to an end. Mr Sydney Kentridge, QC and Mr Laurence Rahinowitz for Total: Mr Gordon Pollock, QC and Mr Richard Jacobs for Arco.

to Total as October 31, 1996, at

LORD WISTICE PETER GIB-SON said that the appeal gave rise to a short guestion as to the effect of the non-fulfilment of a condition in each of three complex commercial agreements. . Arco contended that the non-

fulfilment of that condition-by the date fixed under the agreement for the commencement of gie supply of the gas by them to flotal only suspended the obligations under that agreement pending the fulfil-ment of that condition within a

asonable time.
Total consended that non-fulfilment by that date entitled it to treat the agreement as at an end or as having terminated the agreement

The condition in paragraph (iii) of clause 2.8.1 was a condition precedent rather than a profit issury condition. The substantia question was the effect on the

sement of the non-fulfilment of the condition. For Arco it was submitted, and the judge had accepted, that it was significant that the agreement contained no express provision for the termination of the agreement if

the allocation agreement was not in place by the first delivery date. However, it was plain that the first delivery date was of crucial importance in the scheme of the agreement. To treat the nonlfilment of the condition by that date as suspending the agreement left Total wholly without remedy

for an uncertain period.

It was impossible to accept that it was within the reasonable contemplation of the parties that so

tainty as fair as possible in relation to the first delivery date. If Arco was right, the failure to

satisfy the condition precedent left the agreement suspended for an unknown period, thereby destroying that certainty. The notion that the lailure to comply with the condition before

the first delivery date merely gave rise to the suspension of the agreement had to be rejected. The obvious effect of the failure, and the only alternative to suspension, was the termination of the agreement that being implicit in the words this agreement is

conditional on" in clause 28.1. Those words indicated the nature of the condition as being essential to the agreement so that if the condition was not met time-dusly, the provisions of the agreement had no further effect. That was consistent with the commer-cial purpose of giving certainty to the agreement.

, In the absence of any further agreement between the parties the agreement terminated automati-cally on the non-fulfilment of the

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE. dissenting, said that the parties to the agreement were not to be attributed as having intended that the sale agreement should deterine simply because Arco had not become party to the allocation agreement on or before the first delivery date.

On an objective view of the sale agreement, they had not attached so great a significance to that date. The case was one where the contract had fixed no time for the fulfilment of the condition, so that it had to be fulfilled within a reasonable time, the reasonable-ness being determined objectively

Whatever the precise term of that period might be, it had not expired on November 7, 1996. when subject to Total's outstanding contention. Areo became party to the allocation agreement.

Lord Justice Otton delivered a judgment concurring with Lord Justice Peter Gibson. Solicitors: Denton Hall: Herbert

#### Maintenance payments not tax deductible

Billingham (Inspector of Tax-

Maintenance payments made by a father to his former wife under the terms of an agreement stating that he pay maintenance to his young daughter were not "qualifying maintenance payments" within section 347B(I) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, inserted by section 36(1) of the Finance Act 1988, and were not father's income for tax purposes. Mr Justice Rimer so held in the Chancery Division on November

John, he entitled to made certain deductions in respect of maintenance payments for the year 1992-HIS LORDSHIP said that see-

tion 347B(I) defined qualifying maintenance payment" as a periodical payment by a party to a marriage that had been diss and made under an order by a court or under a written agreemen either "... (i) to or for the benefit of the other party and for the maintenance of the other party, or (ii) to the other party for the mainte-nance by the other party of any child of the family....

Although the father made the payments direct to his former wife it was provided by clause 3 of the deed of arrangement made be-tween them in 1990 that he was to pay maintenance to the child. Thus provide for payments to "the other party for the maintenance by the r party of any child and thus did not satisfy section 347B(l)(i) or

#### Correction

19) Mr John Lloyd-Jones represented Gerald Thomas; Mr Anthony Brigden, instructed by Wainwright & Cummings, repre-Mr Simon Tierney, solicitor, repre-sented Shaun Marquez.

#### **European Law Report**

### Luxembourg

### Calculating part-time workers' entitlement

Eastern Health and Social Services Board and Another

Before R. Schintgen, President of Chamber and Judges G. F. Mancini, P. J. G. Kapteyu, J. L. Murray and G. Hirsch

Advocate General C. Cosmas (Opinion July 10) [Judgment December 11]

Periods of service completed by part-time workers who had suf-fered indirect sex discrimination were to be taken into account as from April 8, 1976, for the purpose of calculating certain pension-related benefits which had been denied to them but to which they were entitled.

A national rule limiting the effect of a successful claim to enti to join an occupational pension scheme to a period not exceeding two years before the date of commencement of the proceedings, was precluded by Com-munity law.

The Sixth Chamber of the Court of Justice of the European Communities so held on a reference by the Office of the Industrial Tribunals and the Fair Employment Tri-bunal, Belfast, for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EC

Personal Social Services (Superannuation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 defined a mental health officer as a whole time officer on the medical or nursing staff of a mental hospital By regulation 50(2), where a person who passed the age of 50 had worked as a mental health officer and continued to work in that capacity, his or her sub-sequent service was reckoned for pension purposes at twice its length and the right to a pension was obtained at the age of 55 rather

Regulation 3 of the Health and

Regulation 12 of the Occupa-tional Pension Schemes (Equal Access to Membership) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 provided that, in proceedings concerning access to membership of occupational pension schemes, the right to be admitted to the scheme was to have effect from a date no earlier than two years before the institution of the

The applicants. Mary Magorrian and Irene Conning-ham, had been employed, since

nurses in the mental health sector by a public-sector health board and both had completed a period of full-time work and then, until their retirement in 1992 and 1994 respectively, a period of part-time

They had been affiliated to a voluntary contracted-out pension scheme, open to part-time workers, under which, on their retirement, affiliated persons received a lumpsum payment followed by monthly

When they retired, the applicants received lump sums and basic pensions, but not additional benefits to which they would have been entitled under regulation 50(2) of the 1984 Regulations if they had had the status of mental health. officers at the time of their

In proceedings in which the applicants, relying on article 119 of the EC Treaty on equal pay for men and women; claimed the additional benefits, the national court found that the exclusion of part-time nurses from mental health officer status constituted indirect sex discrimination, as considerably more women than men were affected, and that the

discrimination was unjustified.
The court referred the question whether the date from which the applicants' service should be counted, for calculating the additional benefits to which they were entitled, was April 8, 1976, the date of the judgment in Case 43/75 Defrence v Sabena (1976) ICR 547; [1976] ECR 455), or May 17, 1990, the date of the judgment in Case C-262/88 Barber v Guardian Royal Exchange Assirance Group (The Times May 18, 1990; [1991] i QB 344; [1990] ECR [-1889], and a further question relating to the two-year restriction

in its judgment the Soth Cham-ber of the Court of Justice ruled: I in Defrence the court had held that article 119 could be relied on

before national courts but that considerations of legal certainty limited reliance on the direct effect

of article 119 to claims concerning pay periods after the date of the ndgment in that case. In Barber it was held that the direct effect of article 119 could be relied on, for the purpose of claiming equal treatment in the matter of occupational pensions, only in relation to benefits payable

in respect of periods of employ-

That limitation was also to be found in Protocol No 2 agreed to tound in Protocol No 2 america to the Treaty on European Union; ell.2 However, in Case C57/93 Vroege v NCIV Institutt; voor Volkshuisvesting BV (The Firms December 7, 1994; [1995] JER 635; [1994] ECR I-454]), the court took the view that the Barber limitation only applied in the case of kinds of discrimination which employers and pension schemes could and pension schemes could reasonably have considered to be

It also stated that as far as the right to join an occupational pension scheme was there was no reason to suppose that those concerned could have been mistaken as to the applicabilities and in fact it had ity of article 119, and in fact it had been clear since Case 170/84 Bilkg-Kaufhaus GmbH v Weber von Harz [1987] ICR 110; [1986] ECR 1607) that any sex discrim in the recognition of that right infringed article 119.

Therefore as the judgment in Bilka included no limitation of its effect in time, the direct effect of article 119 could be relied on as from the date of the judgment in Defrence, in which that article was first held to have direct effect, in order retroactively to claim equal treatment in relation to the right to join an occupational pension

The United Kingdom Govern-ment argued that the case concerned the amount of a pension paid under an occupational scheme and not the right to belong to such a scheme, that, consequently, article 119 only applied to alter the level of the benefits to which persons such as the applicants were entitled, and that only periods after May 17, 1990 should be taken into account for the purposes of that calculation.

That could not be accepted as, even if the persons concerned had always been entitled to a retirement pension under the superannuation scheme, they were not fully admitted to that scheme: solely on account of the fact that they worked part-time, they were specifically excluded from mental health officer status which gave access to the additional benefits under the scheme.

In Case C-435/93 Diet: v Stichning Thuiszorg Rotterdam ([1996] ECR 1-5223) the court held pension under an occupational

the right to join such a scheme, and the same was true where the discrimination suffered by parttime workers stemmed to a special scheme which con-feared entitlement to additional

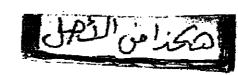
2 Whereas the rules at issue in Case C-338/91 Steenhorst-Neerings v Bestuur van de Neerings v Bestuur van de Bedrijfsvereniging voor Detailhandel (1993) ECR 1-54751 and Case C-410/92. Johnson v Chief Adjudication Officer (No 2) (The Times December 26, 1994; [1995] ICR 375; [1994] ECR 1-5483) merely limited, in the interests of legal certainty, the period, mior to certainty, the period, prior to commencement of proceedings, in respect of which backdated benefits could be obtained, the present rule prevented the entire record of service from April 8, 1976 to 1990 (two years before the date of commencement of the proceedings) from being taken into ac-count for the purposes of calculating the additional benefits which would be payable even after the date of the claim.

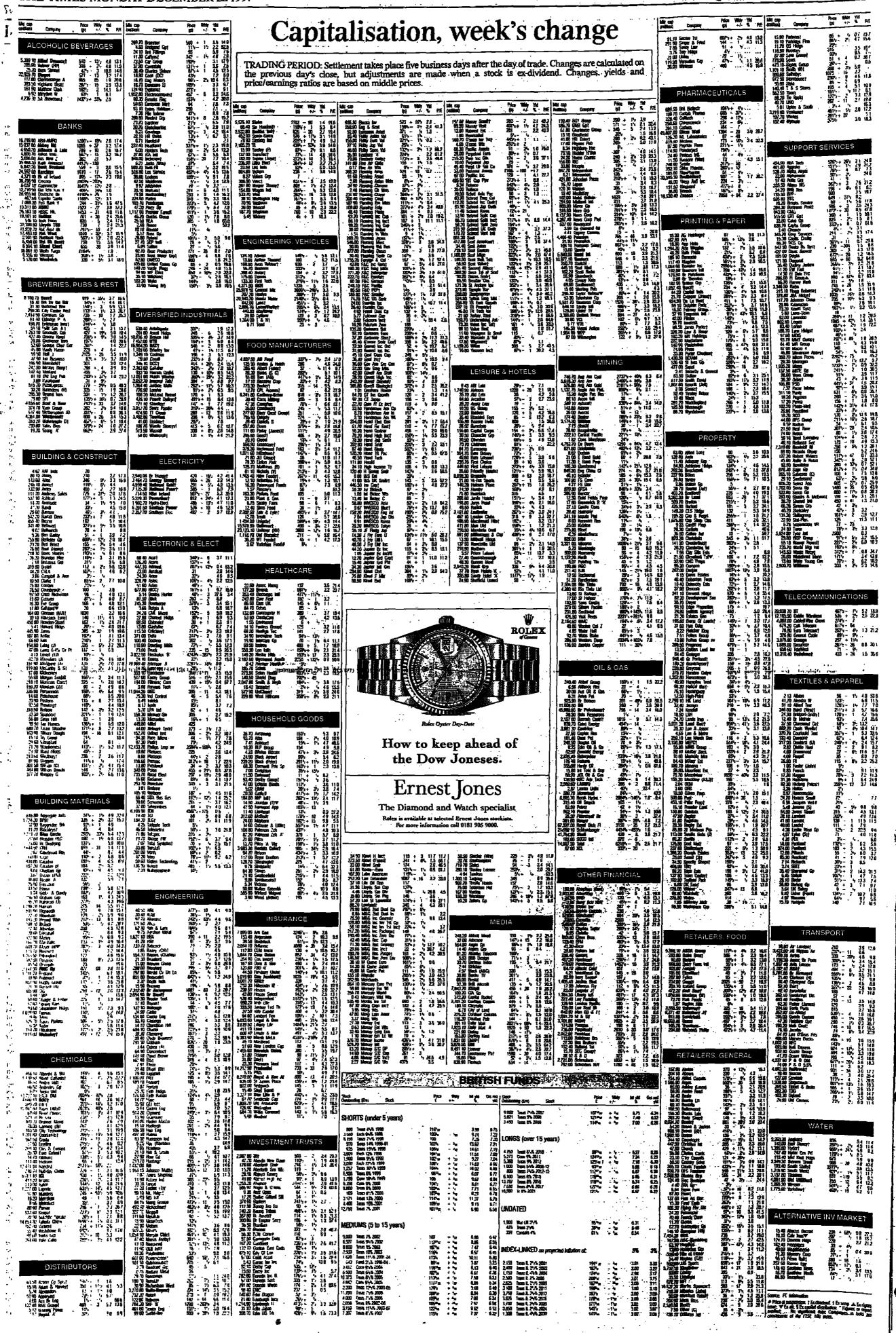
Consequently, unlike the rules at issue in those judgments, which did not strike at the very essence of the rights conferred by the Community legal order, a rule such as the present was such as to render any action by individuals relying on Community law impossible in

ractice. Moreover, the effect of that rule was to limit in time the direct effect of article 119 in cases in which no such limitation had been laid down either in the court's case law Or in Protocol No 2.

On those grounds, the Court ruled: I Periods of service completed by part-time workers who had suf-lered indirect discrimination based on sex must be taken into account as from April 8, 1976, the date of the judgment in Defrence, for the purposes of calculating the additional benefits to which they were entitled.

2 Community law precluded the application, to a claim based on article 119 of the EC Treaty for recognition of the claimants' entitlement to join an occupational pension scheme, of a national rule under which such entitlement, in the event of a successful claim, was limited to a period which started to run from a point in time two years





Security

a lure to

foreign

business

The languages spoken on the tennis courts and around the swimming pools of Cyprus's five-star hotels in Nicosia and Limassol provide a brief hist-

ory of the island's booming

In the 1970s and 1980s

Arabic was commonly hearth

Lebanon's civil war had given

the offshore sector its first big

break. Serbo-Croat crept in

after the collapse of Yugosla-via but has since been

companies, including 32

Cyprus since, about 1,200 of

them with established offices.

Recent years have seen a huge

increase in the number of

companies established by

Russians and other business

men from the former Eastern

bloc. But there remains a

strong representation of West-

em firms, such as Coca-Cola

and AT&T, who use Cyprus as a base for the Middle East

The island's political and economic stability in a volatile region has been one of its

strongest assets. Other attrac-

tions include a well-educated

workforce, first-rate telecom-

munications and a British-

based legal system, but the

flat rate of tax of 4.25 per cent

Many Russians worried by

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How businessmen on both sides are helping the UN to bring about a united island. Michael Theodoulou presents a two-page report

## Is sad Cyprus at last on a path to peace?

new year with hope and foreboding. aware it will usher in the most critical period of Cyprus's history since the island was sundered along religious and ethnic lines nearly a quarter of a century ago.

The international community is set to launch its most determined effort to reunite the island under a federal system once February's Greek Cypriot presidential elections

It is not difficult to see why, after years of stalemate, there is unprecedented interest from both sides of the Atlantic. For the first time, the convoluted Cyprus problem has an effective deadline: Cyprus is due to begin accession talks with the European Union at the beginning of April and no one is keen to usher in a country split by a Berlin-style wall. The hope is that settlement talks and the accession negotia-tions, which could drag on for years, will proceed in parallel.

Meanwhile, President Glafcos Clerides, the charismatic 78-year-old Greek Cypriot leader who is likely to win a second five-year term in the polls, attributes heightened American interest in a country half the size of New Jersey to Washington's belief that the heavily militarised island is not an "extinct volcano". Any eruption could well involve its feuding Nato allies. Greece

and Turkey. However, recent developments have increased the already daunting challenge facing the international community. Turkey, a key player with 35,000 troops stationed in northern Cyprus since it invaded in 1974, responded furiously this month when the EU again snubbed its long-stand-



President Clerides: likely to win a second five-year term

ing membership application while offering accession talks to Cyprus and all the former Warsaw pact members. Ankara responded by reject-

ing further political dialogue with the EU and renewed its threat to integrate breakaway northern Cyprus. In turn. Rauf Denktas, the veteran Turkish Cypriot leader, declared the EU's decision meant an end to negotiations with the Greek Cypriots. The intercommunal talks have died and, under these conditions a federation is not on the agenda," said a statement from his office.

Foreign diplomats in Nico sia take the threats seriously. but point out that Mr Denktas has called off talks in the past only to return to the table at Turkey's insistence. "No-one sees this as the end of the process," said one envoy, adding that the EU may have time to smooth ruffled Turkish feathers by February.

Optimism is a word shunned by international mediators, but some point to the growing contacts between the two communities as a sign of hope and evidence of a mutual

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togethers organised by the United Nations in the buffer zone that splits the island are enthusiastically attended.

In recent months, leading businessmen from both sides have been meeting regularly to build confidence between their estranged communities through economic co-opera-tion. They have already achieved a breakthrough: the UN is now installing a system to allow telecommunications across the divide.

A bi-communal courier service is on the way, together with a language school for Greek Cypriots to learn Turkish and vice versa. There are proposals to co-operate on environmental issues, combating illegal drugs, controlling diseases and sharing water

"The Cyprus problem has to be solved and everyone knows that - therefore it can be solved, says Constantinos Lordos, a Greek Cypriot businessman closely involved in the rapprochement efforts.

Ironically, Cyprus's EU ap-plication was meant to provide an "historic opportunity" to bring about a settlement by serving as a lever to prise concessions from both sides.

The application was made unilaterally by the internationally-recognised Greek Cypriot administration in 1990. They know entry will be very difficult without at least progress towards a settlement, although the EU has stopped short of saying it would be impossible for fear of giving Turkey an effective veto over Cyprus's application.

The unspoken warning to the Turkish Cypriots, whose economy has stagnated after years of international isolation, is that they could miss the EU train if the Greek Cypriots

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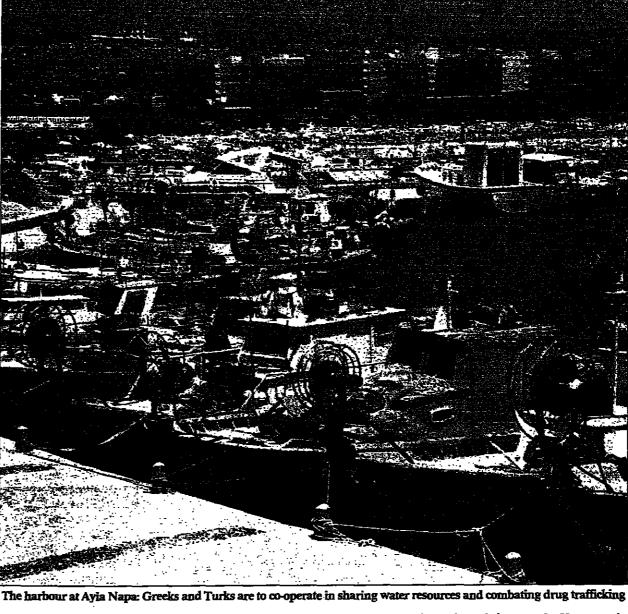
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board alone. However, Mr Denktas complains that Cyprus's EU application was made without the consent of his community whose interests he insists could be endangered by membership, especially with Greece in the club while Turkey, on which northern Cyprus relies for its security and financial survival, is excluded.

The EU is holding out the carrot of Turkish Cypriot par-ticipation in the membership negotiations, although Mr Denktas remains adamant Brussels must first recognise the legitimacy of his breakaway state and admit Turkey at the same time as Cyprus. Against this complex political background, the interna-

tional community is also struggling to halt a full-blooded arms race. It gathered pace earlier this year when the Greek Cypriots, outnumbered and outguined by the Turkish army in northern Cyprus, ordered a multi-million pound missile defence system from Russia which is due to arrive by next autumn.

urkey, concerned its strategic superiority in the eastern Mediterranean would be challenged, has warned it will not allow the missiles to be Greece, which signed a joint defence pact with Cyprus four years ago. says any Turkish strike would

Some diplomats doubt the missiles will ever arrive. Privately, some Greek Cypriots officials concede the primary aim of ordering them was not so much to boost defences but to galvanise the international community into taking the Cyprus problem more seriously. If there were progress towards a solution, delivery of the missiles would be can-celled, Mr Clerides has

promised Each side has long accepted proposals to reunite the island under a bi-zonal federation, in which the Turkish Cypriots, who are one in five of the population but control 37 per cent of the territory, would a majority in the area under their control. However the exact nature of that federation and such key issues as sover-

The sad truth is that in Cyprus there is a lack of confidence in the good faith of the other side which undermines efforts to reach agree-ment," says Sir David Hannay, Britain's diplomatic

big gun on Cyprus.
On the Greek Cypriot side there is a belief that the basic Turkish Cypriot objective is secession and an entirely separate state. The Turkish Cypriot side believes that the basic Greek Cypriot objective is

eignty, territory, security guarantees and the return of refugees have led to deadlock.

> Western business world. Their way is eased by cultural and Orthodox religious ties. A significant number of Cypriots are fluent Russian speakers, a legacy of the close ties between the island's Communist Party and Moscow. which enabled many poorer students to win scholarships

to study in the Eastern bloc. The traffic is two-way, with many Western companies using Cyprus as a springboard into Russia and Eastern
Europe. Large American and
Canadian oil services compamies operating in Siberia
have set up bases.

Last month Credit Suisse First Boston, the multinational banking giant, reportedly booked \$6.6 billion of its investments in Russia through its recently established offshore bank in Cyprus, leading to gleeful predictions in the local press that more first-rate international banks would follow suit and establish a

hip management com-panies are among the biggest in the offshore sector, with most based in Limassol "Cyprus is now attracting shipping people. not just because of low taxes, but because it has become a leading maritime centre," says Norman Elliott, the president of an association representing the offshore

community. With a fifth of the world's ships flying the Cyprus flag, the authorities have had difficulty keeping up with the fleet's expansion. Smarting from its tag as a "flag of convenience", and under pressure to meet European Union standards, they are trying to improve safety by placing Cypriot ship inspectors in some 40 ports around the world.

Understandably, the Gov-ernment is determined that EU entry does not erode the attractions of its low-tax offshore regime. The Finance Minister is aggressively positive about protecting the off-shore community in the forthcoming EU negotiations," says Mr Elliott.

Proof of that commitment came in January when the Government renewed the 4.25 per cent offshore tax ceiling for another ten years. According to the finance minister, Christodoulos Christodoulou, there are also advantages for the EU in Cyprus retaining its offshore sector. "Europe itself will have a lot to benefit by using Cyprus as a starting block and a bridge to the Middle East," he says.

Growth paves the way for entry into the club

esigner-clad accountants and lawyers relax in open-air street cafés, their gleaming Jeeps and BMWs mounted on the kerb. Bejewelled and wellcoiffed women chat into mobile phones as they browse in boutiques that sell expensive

European fashions. Stroll through central Nico-sia or Limassol and Greek Cyprus's prosperity is on proud display. In just a generation, what was a colonial backwater dependent on agriculture has changed into a booming tourist destination, that is also fast becoming a regional financial hub. Cyprus already meets most of the five Maastricht treaty convergence criteria for monetary union with the European Union.

Per capita gross domestic product is nearly \$13,000 (£8,000), which is far higher than any of the Eastern European countries also ear-marked for EU membership talks. Inflation stands at just over 3 per cent. The fiscal deficit has climbed, probably as a result of increased defence spending, but as a percentage of the GDP is about 4 per cent.

The boom years that saw annual growth rates topping 5 per cent may now be over, but a provisional 2.5 per cent growth rate for this year is still in line with the EU average, and a 4.5 per cent growth rate is forecast for 1998. Perhaps most crucially for a country clamouring to enter the EU. Cyprus is considered to have full employment.

"Cyprus certainly would not be a burden to the Community budget and could even be a net contributor," says Constantinos Mavrantonis, an economic adviser with the European Commission delegation in Nicosia.

There are sound economic reasons why Greek Cypriots should want to join the EU, which absorbs about 50 per cent of their exports and accounts for 55 per cent of their imports. But their motivation is overwhelmingly political. They believe entry could help re-unify the island, or at least provide a guarantee against further Turkish expansion.

Yet because Cyprus remains divided, they realise their application presents political problems for Brussels that those of the Eastern European applicants do not. For that



Greek Cyprus: a colonial backwater once dependent on agriculture has changed into a booming tourist destination

reason the Greek Cypriot au-thorities are keen to ensure there are few reservations about the economy.

More than 20 teams have been allocated to harmonise legislation with the EU. The Central Bank adopted a series of financial sector reforms in 1996, although economists say more must be done to liberalise interest rates and the movement of capital for inward and outward investment. The initial target of the task force is to harmonise up to 80 per cent of Cypriot legislation by 2000.

ess enthusiastic about the EU challenge are those involved in traditionally protected and labourintensive industries such as clothing and footwear, where rising wages and small units have made their products less competitive.

"The way ahead for the manufacturing sector is to go for quality, innovation and enter partnerships with European companies," says Mr Mavrantonis. Economists say there are good prospects for chemicals and food process-

The once important agricultural sector, whose contribu-tion to the GDP has shrunk to less than 10 per cent, is expected to do well from EU entry because domestic support to farmers in Europe is

higher than in Cyprus.
Farmers who grow curus fruits, potatoes, table grapes and vegetables, the main agricultural exports, are expected to benefit most.



Whether visiting the island for holidays or planning on setting up home there, Cyprus has much to offer, says Michael Theodoulou

#### TOURISM

Lickle and often wanton they may be, but the gods on Olympus seem to look kindly on Cyprus's tourism industry, the mainstay of the economy. The doomsayers are usually proved wrong, the dips rarely

This year proves the point. It started badly after a brief outbreak of violence along the island's dividing Green Line the summer before. Then the Greek Cypriots ordered a multimillion dollar air defence system from Russia. Turkey threatened to destroy the weapons if they were ever deployed.

For many Greek Cypriots, these alarming headlines served a useful purpose. They reminded the international community that the island was forcibly divided, heavily militarised and desperately in need of a solution. Rising tension galvanised interest from both sides of the Atlantic of the Atlantic.

At the same time, the tourism authorities were counting the cost of such bad publicity. They insist-ed, justifiably, that the resort areas were well away from the tense United Nations-patrolled buffer zone and that Cyprus is so relatively crime-free that only the paranoid bother to lock their cars.

In the end, the year passed peacefully and, with the Americans launching a long-awaited initiative to reunite the island, the news headlines from Cyprus improved. So, after initial predictions of a 5 per cent fall in tourism, 1997 is set instead for a 5 per cent rise. Tourism revenues are expected to reach CE830 million (E996 million sterling), up CE20 million on the

previous record.

Of the two million arrivals 770,000 were from Britain — which has long dominated the tourism market - 50,000 more than last year, thanks mainly to sterling's 20 per cent increase against the Cyprus pound in the past 12 months. Hoteliers also offered good rates to tour operators.

Using expensive advertising campaigns, Cyprus is aggressively chasing other markets. Arrivals from Russia increased by a third to 150,000 this year, with many hotels now offering bortsch on the menu and Izvestia in their bookshops.

"They're big spenders, big drinkers and big tippers," enthused a public relations assistant at a fourstar hotel in Limassol, the Russians' favourite resort on the island. Bookings are also up from Israel,

with many taking advantage of the short trip for a long weekend away from the tensions at home.

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On the tourist trail Paphos has Roman mosaics and fine Byzantine churches. Left, The Tombs of the Kings from the 3rd century BC, and, right, the theatre overlooking the sea at Kourion

1974 invasion by Turkish forces.

tourism for those not content to

broil on the beach. Villages run

down from years of rural depopula-

tion are being attractively restored

to bring in visitors who want to

sample the old Cyprus, from basic

but tasty village cooking to earthy

farm smells and the braying of

also recommended. Towns such as

Platres, home to the lovely Forest

Park Hotel and its chorus of

nightingales, were the favourite

summer haunts of British colonial

few days in the pictur-esque, higgledy-piggledy villages in the pine-clad

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The CTO is promoting agro-

### A treasure chest of the ancient and the modern

Cyprus Tourism Organisation (CTO) has long been concerned that overdevelopment of the coastline may kill the goose that lays the golden eggs. It has for years hankered after what it calls the "high quality" tourist, one that behaves himself, spends a lot and is environmentally conscious.

There are restrictions on building hotels, but with some two million tourists a year — three times the Greek Cypriot population - some already argue Cyprus has become a mass-market destination.

Nevertheless, Cyprus has learnt from the mistakes of the past. which in any case were understandable considering the rush to build after the loss of the biggest resorts such as Famagusta after the

lowlands in July and August. The advent of air-conditioning in the 1950s boosted the beach resorts

and saved these mountain villages.

where monasteries are more common than hotels, from despoliation. On the coast. Paphos has a treasure trove of Roman mosaics and fine, Byzantine churches. It is a short drive from the Akamas peninsula, one of the Mediterranean's last unspoilt forests, whose spectacular coastline features cliffs that plunge hundreds of feet into the turquoise sea, limestone caves, virgin lagoons, rock beaches and sandy coves that are breeding grounds for rare turtles.

There is a national plan to market Cyprus as a golfing destination. And nautical tourism is being boosted with plans for marinas in Paphos and the eastern resorts of

Paralimni and Ayia Napa. The latter is a bustling, neon-lit party town popular with younger visitors and recently home to Waterworld, a Disney-style park of high adrenalin water slides and rides with Greek mythology as its

It may be rather tacky, but it seems to have pleased the gods.

#### PROPERTY

for the Ancient Brits, as the several thousand retirees from the former colonial master are often called, Cyprus is a home from home. For many, the day begins as it would in drizzly Clapham, listening to John Humphrys or Anna Ford grilling a politician. But the Today programme, which is available on British Forces Radio, starts here at the more civilised hour of 8.30am.

By 11.15am, just as they settle down to their first gin and tonic on the veranda, it is time for The Archers. Those beyond the reach of Forces Radio make do with the BBC World Service.

The British papers arrive a day late, aithough many now get them from the Internet. Sky Sports is available on satellite. Cypriots know how to brew a decent cup of tea, most speak English, many are Anglophiles and motorists drive on the left.

And with Britain just a four-hour flight away, the island is a magnet for family members taking advantage of the accommodation provided by those with retirement or holiday homes.

"I know many couples here who see more of their children and grandchildren than they would back in Britain," says Dolores Savvides, a retirement expert based in Limassol. "They see their homes as a great place to entertain their families. It's a place where people are able to lead a full and interesting life at modest cost in a warm and healthy climate." In recent years, she adds, better golfing facilities have proved another major attraction.

Lifestyle considerations apar there are also substantial fiscal incentives. British pensions received in Cyprus are liable for income tax at a nominal rate of 5 per cent with the first £2,400 exempt. Those receiving investment income from abroad are only taxed on money brought to Cyprus, so unremitted assets located in an offshore tax haven are not taxed in Cyprus.

Now is a good time to buy property, say local estate agents. Reduced demand in recent years has made prices fall by about 15 per cent in resorts such as Paphos, which is the most popular with British retirees. This has been compounded by sterling's strength, which means the real cost of a house for a British buyer is probably 30 per cent lower than it was two years ago.

"In Paphos you can get a detached three-bedroom bungalow with a sea view, swimming

# Pensioners stay wealthy and healthy



Coral Bay, Paphos: fancy a laze in the sun, a swim or a round of golf?

pool and large garden for about £120,000," says Antony Loizou, a

leading chartered surveyor. Unlike most estate agents, Ms Savvides says Britons should not buy homes here with a view to stment. Many, keen to return to Britain after a partner suddenly dies, sell their homes quickly and

realise little capital gain.
"You probably won't lose money, but don't expect a great gain. Moving here is more to do with lifestyle," she says. However, she agrees that when Cyprus does eventually join the European Union, property prices are expected to rise sharply.

Foreigners are not allowed to own more than one house or flat. Some bureaucracy is also involved. although this is intended to protect the buyer. Any good lawyer or estate agent can smooth the way.

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#### THE BOARD

Chief executive, since 1990, is Sir John Egan, renowned for turning round Jaguar in the 1980s, then selling it to Ford at a massive premium. Two years from retirement, Sir John, 58, has begun to clear his diary, stepping down as both chairman of London Tourist Board and director of the Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust. He remains vice-chairman of Legal & General Key henchmen include Russell Walls, group finance direc-tor and a non-executive director of Ladbroke Group, and Brian Collie, group re-tail director, who has work-ed for Burton Group and Littlewoods. Gordon Edington, group property director and chairman of BAA International, is chairman of the Public Art Development Trust, and vice-president of the British Property Federation. Mike Hodgkinson, group airports director, is a director of Molins. Although not a main board director, Des Wilson, the one-time Liberal Party president, en-joys a high-profile role as head of corporate and pub-

of the remuneration committee is Brian Smith, non-executive chairman of Cable and Wireless. Non-executive deputy chairman, since September, is Lawrence Urquhart, chairman of Burman Castrol, English China Clays and Scottish Widows. A director of Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, he is due chairman on his retirement in July 1998. Chairman of the ethics committee is Lord Wright of Richmond who sits on the boards of British Petroleum, De La Rue and Unilever. The other non-executives are Marcus Agius, vice-chairman of Lazard Brothers, and Tony Barrell, who chairs BAA's safety, security and environ-ment committee.

BAA chairman and head

British airports used to be grotty affairs - badly run, starved of investment and not exactly known for their culinary delights. The old British Airports Authority came to encapsulate the worst features of a state-run monster. Privatise it and surely no one would buy the shares.

But people did, swept up in the Eighnes' enthusiasm for privatisation issues, and enticed by a slick new brand, with British Airports Authority dropped in favour of BAA. Under the respected tutelage of Sir John Egan, BAA has worked wonders at Heathrow, Gatwick and elsewhere, smartening up facilities and bringing in upmarket concessions such as Caviar House and Harrods. Overcrowding remains a

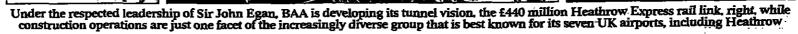
problem — Heathrow Terminal I. designed to cater for eight million people a year in the 1960s, now carries 23 million people annually - but at least the UK's leading airports look smarter and cleaner.

And there is more to BAA than just airports, of course. More than half the company's revenues come from retailing. both in airports and through joint ventures such as BAA McArthur/Glen, which builds and operates factory shopping outlets. Just under a fifth of revenues comes from property. through BAA Lynton, which is focusing on business parks. warehouses and similar ventures at and around airports.

With duty and tax-free shopping within Europe facing abolition in 1999, BAA is seeking an increasing slice of the international duty-free market. A key plank in the strategy fell into place in August, when BAA paid \$423 million for Duty Free International, based in America. BAA now claims up to 7 per cent of the world's duty-free market -10 per cent if you include Europe.

The company is making a name for itself on other fronts. managing Indianapolis airport and running retailing at Pittsburgh. It hopes to win the contract to oversee catering at Newark in New Jersey.

BAA is part of the Australia Pacific Airports (APA) consortium which successfully took a 50-year lease on Melbourne airport in May. APA has been shortlisted to bid for Coolangatta, Darwin and Launceston airports in the second round of bids for Australia's airports. BAA manages Naples airport in Italy and is also eyeing opporrunities in South Africa, where



BAA has been campaigning veciferously for Heathrow's proposed Terminal 5 — already the subject of the world's longest-running public inqui-

ry. BAA staff have been living in hotels at Heathrow for the past three years. Lobbying has been accompanied by a slick

marketing campaign, aimed at mollifying local residents and proving that BAA is committed to ethical and environmental issues.

The Terminal 5 inquiry is expected to grind to a halt in August 1998, with a decision by the Government no earlier

WHAT THE EXPERIES BY

"BAA is an Incredibly steady earner, and institutions like predictable businesses. Problems with regulators, the windfall tax, a change of government, has tended to undermine confidence, but the shares look good value." undermine confidence, but the shares look good value." Richard Hanna, transport analyst, UBS
"BAA shares are at roughly a 10 per cent discount to the market, which is a little bit surprising. There is a view that BAA is moving into higher-risk areas, and should perhaps stick to their knitting and continue investing in airports. I'm fairly positive on BAA and think the fears are overdone." Win Ellis, transport analyst, SBC Warburg Dillon Read "Traffic outlook is good, with 7-7.5 per cent continuing into the second half. If, as we expect British Airways.

the second half. If, as we expect, British Airways-American Airlines clearance comes through early next year, we will be looking for more traffic growth." Peter Bergius, Hoare Goveti

than the spring of 2000. The earliest possible opening date will be late 2004, ensuring years of continuing over-crowding at Heathrow. Another negative lies in the

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BAA share price, which has proved stubbornly slow to respond to the various BAA initiatives. There are shortterm problems - notably the strong pound, which has hit spending at airports by departing tourists, and the Japanese in particular. This, coupled with a new five-year regulatory cap limiting in-creases in landing charges at Heathrow and Gatwick, resulted in pre-tax profits rising by just 2 per cent to £310 million in the six months to September 30.

Yet longer term, BAA has much going for it. Passenger numbers are on an upward curve - leaving aside the recent fire at Heathrow Terminal i — and the relentless pursuit of overseas opportunities will make for a highly diversified international company. The windfall tax imposed on BAA and other privatised companies turned

out to be unexpectedly lenient. Management succession is an issue, with Sir John due to step down as chief executive in 1999 after nine years in the job. but moves are being made to ensure an orderly transition.

Sir John has handed the reins to his senior managers. shifting decision-making down the line via a new executive committee, and urging his staff to explore all options in driving BAA forward. Unlocking shareholder value is the underlying theme. That the share price has proved so dogmatic is undoubtedly a source of frustra-

tion to management. With BAA increasingly polarised around retailing, airport management, manag-

ing construction projects, and property - railways could develop into a fifth - the flotation of one or more BAA core areas must be a possibility. Sir John says everything is

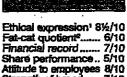
up for debate. UK airports have come a long way under BAA, but they still have their detractors. Problems include noise pollution, environmentally damaging emissions, queues and overcrowding, and the perception that prices for food and drink are outrageously high.

BAA has done much to improve tax and duty-free sales, yet it constantly laces accusations that it is somehow ripping off the consumer. Recent claims by Sir Terence Conran, the restaurateur, that BAA has destroyed UK airports by turning them into "cluttered shopping centres", prompted dozens of letters in support of his view.

BAA takes the expression of its ethical standards terribly seriously and attracts a high score from Integrity Works, our independent consultant. The company has a code of ethics that is among the best in the UK. It is also very open in discussing its business stan-dards. The challenge facing BAA is to keep up with changing expectations while remaining true to its values and principles.

The company fares respectably in the fat-cat league, although Crisp Consulting found Sir John to be 32 per cent over-paid compared with the FTSE 100 average, earning £605,000 in 1996-97. BAA awards bonuses according to a complex set of criteria, and they can go down as well as up. The pay of BAA non-executives was very slightly above average, and their number was within the acceptable

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### INTERNAL PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE PARTY

WORLD TELECOM has attracted a lot of attention. Last week it announced plans to invest £1.1 million in continen-

up to 30 per cent of the

national airport operator is to

Next comes railways, in the

high-tech form of the £440

million Heathrow Express,

linking Heathrow and Pad-

dington with a 15-minute ser-

vice. It is aimed primarily at tourists in West End hotels,

collecting them by bus and

shepherding them to the de-

parture gates. The Heathrow

Express opens to passengers

with hand luggage in June

1998. Full luggage check-in

facilities will be available from

A separate line linking

Heathrow with St Pancras in

north London, the future site

of the high-speed Channel Tunnel rail link, may follow.

BAA foresees a raft of new rail

projects, linking Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted with

key points on the UK rail

be sold off.

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tal Europe.

phonecards and telephone chargecards, which offer discounts to large operators such as BT. Clients include Heinz, Gillette and the UN.

pany, which is valued at about £57 million and came to the Alternative Investment Market in March, had sales of £4 million last year and

The company says it can route calls to the cheapest available lines, and offer "world office" services like voicemail, fax and e-mail.

have performed unevenly since their debut this year at 150p, rising to 197p in May, only to fall back to 157p, and close on Friday at 160p.

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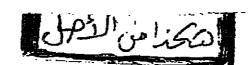
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nvestors will surely recognise 1997 as the year of the buil (provided that they were not too heavily invested in the Far East) and, noting the importance of the beef issue, politicians of all parties might well concur - albeit for rather different reasons. Yetfor the man from Mars it has surely been the year of the mouse.

On the face of it, the election of a Labour Government after 18 years of the Tories is a shattering change in the economic firmament. Yet when you look at what they have done, you can hardly see the joins. True, Labour has raised taxes - marginally. But it has not delivered the blitz on the incomes of high earners that many previous sufferers feared. The much-heralded windfall tax on the privatised utilities came and went without much fuss. The most striking tax measure has been the abolition of tax credits on dividends - though this continues a move first made by the Conservatives. Likewise, the erosion of mortgage interest tax relief

### The year of the bull or the mouse

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On broader economic themes, it has also been more of the same. Fears of renationalisation? Forget

it. The new Government will probably privatise even more. Meanwhile, the new Labour policy of charging university students tuition fees looks as though it comes straight out of the Thatcher handbook, while the subjects of single mothers, welfare reform and the work ethic make the Prime Minister sound like a caring version of Norman Tebbit.

On the treacherous ground of our relations with Europe, the Government has tried hard to strike a fresh pose, but the stark reality of Britain's European predicament, which is no respecter of party political boundaries, keeps breaking through. After weeks of disastrous spin-doctoring on the subject of EMU during the summer, the Government finally produced an excellent document outlining five tests to determine whether Britain was ready to join EMU. But this amounted to an elegant and well-argued reformulation of the hoary doctrine that we should only join "when the time is ripe" or, putting it another way. "Major was right after all".

There are two distinctive economic policies but they have yet to be tested. Evidently, the introduction of the minimum wage is going to be much trickier than its advocates envisaged. The jury is out on Welfare to Work, although it is already clear that the vigorous economic recovery is doing more for jobs than any of the Govern-ment's prospective sticks and carrots ever could. There has been one momentous measure, namely the decision to give the Bank of England independent control of



interest rates. Even this, though, represents a further evolution of the approach taken by the Conser-

The lack of sharp policy change has been reflected in financial markets. At the beginning of the year, private investors' concerns about the future centred on the prospective election. Shouldn't they be selling their shares/gilts/ property/the pound sterling before the impending collapse? No. I said. You are not the only ones to have noticed that we are likely to have a Labour government and the markets will already have priced in the very same fears which trouble you. Moreover, these fears are likely to be unjustified, in which case asset prices will rise.

It tempts the gods to say his. but so it has proved. The FTSE index of share prices began the year at just over 4,100. On election day four months later it stood at 4,445. Since then it has climbed above 5,200 and, even after Friday's weakness, still stands above 5,000. Ten-year gilt yields began the year at 7½ per cent and fell to just over 7 per cent by election day. Today they are down to 64 per cent. Having begun the year at just over 260 against the mark.

and risen to 2.79 by election day, the pound now trades close to 2.95. Property prices, both residential and commercial, have continued to rise all year. So much for the Labour bear market. For all that, 1997 has seen two

economic developments that will have a major influence on our future, though neither has anything to do with the change of Government. Back in January, there seemed to be a good chance that EMU would be postponed, and there were indeed several wobbles along the road to the euro. But we have all had to come to terms with the idea that EMU is probably going to start on time.

The second major change is the gathering storm in the East. which threatens to darken the economic skies here also. At the beginning of the year, commercial com-

would boast about the extent of their involv<del>eme</del>nt in Asian markets. Recently, it has become fashionable for the same people to try to give reassurance by saying how small their involvement is a change of posture which they may live to regret.

Partly because of such external developments, the talk of a run-away British boom which was so common in the first half of the year, has given way to talk of sharp slowdown. Elsewhere in the world, the danger of rampant inflation has been replaced by worry about deflation.

It is these factors, and not something over which the Chancellor has direct control, which are likely to determine how British asset prices behave over the year ahead. As regards my views, by now you should know the score. The bull markets in shares, houses and the pound are drawing to a close. By contrast, the gilt market's love affair with the Labour Government has only just

## Scotia shares set to fall after key drug is rejected

BY MARTIN BARROW

SHARES of Scotia Holdings are expected to fall heavily after UK health authorities rejected the biotechnology company's appeal for approval of one of its most important drugs.
The Medicines Control

Agency has turned down Scotia's appeal for approval of its drug Tarabetic for treatment of diabetic neuropathy, the nerve damage suffered by

The regulatory setback was announced late on Friday after the formal stock market close. But already Scotia shares had fallen 272p to 3172p and analysts expect Scotia's beleaguered investors to sell heavily agam today.

Scotia, based in Stirling, was formerly one of Britain's most promising biotechnology companies and enjoyed a high stock market rating. But it has suffered a series of setbacks this year, including in the abrupt departure of David



Horrobin: abrupt departure

Horrobin, the founder, as chief executive earlier this month. Sherri Clarkson, his wife and head of the drug discovery division, also left the

company.

The MCA, which advises the Health Minister, originally said in March that it was unable to approve Tarabetic, a drug based on evening prim-

## Capital poised to tune in to Melody bidding

By Raymond Snoddy, media editor

restaurant group recently thwarted in its attempt to merge with Virgin Radio, is standing by to enter the bidding for Lord Hanson's London radio station Melody FM. Capital is still waiting anxionsly to hear the verdict of Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, on the Virgin deal even though its plans were torpedoed by Chris Evans and his Ginger

CAPITAL, the radio and

Capital wants to know whether it would have been able to acquire more radio stations in the London area. But it is also anxious to know whether the Monopolies and Mergers Commission accepted its argument that its market in London should be defined as being much

broader than just radio.

Capital has already indicated informally to Lord Hanson that it is interested but will not submit an indicative bid until it receives the

The report is expected in early January, in good time for the final round of bids for Melody in mid-January. All

the main commercial radio companies are believed to have expressed an interest in Melody, which started out as virtually Lord Hanson's private playlist of easy listening but has long since broadened out into a profit-able station specialising in "melodic" popular music. At the moment Scottish

Radio Holdings and Emap are strong contenders, although GWR, owner of Classic FM, is also in the field. NRJ the French radio group that has so far failed to win a radio licence in the UK is also believed to be interested.

Scottish, in particular. must have an edge. Lord Gordon, the founder of Scottish, although he has stood down from day-to-day opera-tions at the company, helped to set up Melody for Lord Hanson in 1989.

The intense competition and fact that there are no new FM licences on offer for London could drive the price of Melody above £25 million. The sale is part of Lord Hanson's move towards being a focused building materials group.

in its performance in different trial centres.

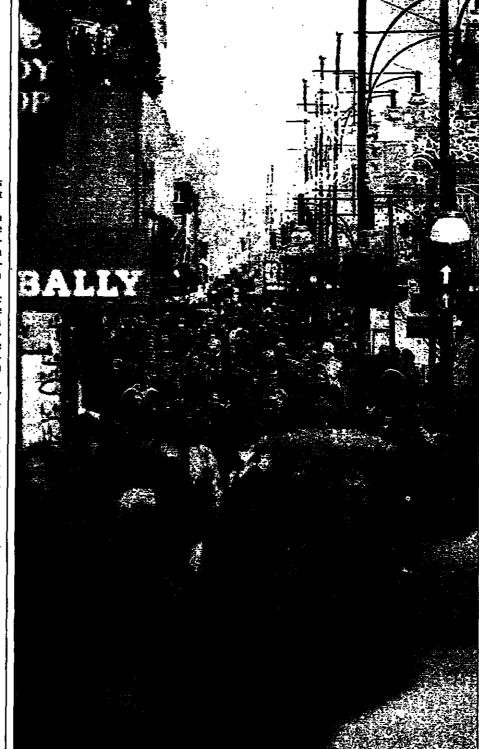
original rejection The clipped 24 per cent off the company's stock market value. It undermined shares in other biotechnology companies, notably British Biotech and Celltech.

Scotia's patent on Tarabetic expires in one year and the company now sees no value in pursuing approval any further. Lehman Brothers, the stockbroker, had forecast annual sales of almost £90

The company is now pinning its hopes on its pro-gramme for a second generation of diabetes drugs. including a new compound for diabetic impotence being developed with Germany's Asta Medica. There is also interest in Scotia's new appetite suppressing product, an ileal break emulsion based on natural oils, which reduces the desire for food and could prove a big hit with dieters. But there is likely to be concern in the City about Scotia's ability to fund this development after the Tarabetic setback.

Scotia investors had high hopes for the company, which entered 1997 as one of Britain's biggest and most promising biotechnology ventures, with a market capitalisation of almost £600 million. But since then the shares have slumped from 735p to 3174p.

It has yet to come close to making a profit. Losses were E19 million before tax in 1996 and £11.8 million in 1995.



Trading has been slow even though centres, such as Oxford Street, are crowded

#### Retailers look to last-minute shoppers

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

BRITAIN'S retailers are pinning hopes of a recovery in December sales on the last three shopping days before Christmas, amid forecasts that they may be left with up to £3 billion of unsold stock. Trading in the high street

was slower than expected last week and many stores and shops have already begun discounting in an attempt to woo shoppers. A report published today

forecasts spending in the January sales on non-food products to be as high as £6.7 billion, equivalent to 9 per cent more than January 1997.

Shopkeepers say that much of the £20 billion windfall money from building society conversions has already been spent on large electrical goods and holidays rather than Christmas. The exception is the North East, where the Northern Rock Building Society floated in October and where many of the 900,000 qualifying members received

an average £2,000 each.

John Bryson, general manager of the Metro Centre in Gateshead, said: "The average total Christmas spend for every two people has gone up from £55 in September and £70 last Christmas to £97 this

The Centre for Economics

and Business Research (CEBR) forecast up to £3 billion of stock in the nonfood sector would be carried over into the January sales. Douglas McWilliams of the CEBR said that five interest rate rises since May, tax increases and uncertainty on the stock market since the autumn had damped down trading activity.

#### Pru close to buying Arndale from P&O

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

PRUDENTIAL Corporation is on the brink of buying the Manchester Arndale Centre, the country's biggest city shopping centre, from P&O for more than £300 million. The deal, which will add Arndale to Prudential's existing £7 billion commercial property portfolio, could be announced today and will be finalised before Christmas.

P&O is in the process of a shake-up instigated by Lord Sterling of Plaistow and Sir Bruce MacPhail, his managing director.

About 85 per cent of Prudential's portfolio is held in the form of stocks and shares, while 5 per cent - or E7 billion - is invested in property.

The insurer the biggest name in UK life and pensions. already owns the Burlington Arcade in London's Piccadilly and Minister Court in the City of London. It owns 20 shopping centres around the country including the Arndale in

Both companies declined to comment, but City sources say P&O will announce the sale imminently.

which was badly damaged in the IRA bomb in Manchester last year, had also attracted interest from Donald Gordon's Capital Shopping Centres, which owns Gateshead's MetroCentre and Lakeside, Thurrock, in Essex.

Lord Sterling had originally promised shareholders he would sell a net £500 million of property to reduce P&O's debts. However, the Arndale sale will take the total disposal proceeds to more than £600

# **Energy Group go-ahead**

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

ENERGY groups will this week be positioning them-selves for a wave of corporate activity in the sector after last Priday's approval of the £3.6 billion takeover of The Energy

Group.
The decision had been keenly awaited, especially by Power-Gen, the generator, as an important marker of government policy in energy. With Labour voicing no fears over vertical integration over The Energy Group, which has generating and distribution interests, the approval has been taken as a signal that further integration will be approved. Pacificorp is expected to Energy Group. Market specu-lation believes it could mount a 730p a share offer, compared with the 690p a share it has already made.

The bid lapsed when the takeover was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission by Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade. Her wholehearted endorsement of the Monopolies and Mergers report, which raised no issues of public interest, comes as the Government is attempting to save the coal industry and determine its long-term future

A wave of activity in the electricity industry is expected to be accelerated by the keenness of distribution and supply companies to separate those functions and merge them either with generators or

other supply businesses. They are increasingly looking at such options in an effort to reduce costs as competition in the domestic market begins.

Competition will operate on thin margins and electricity companies will also face national rivals such as British Gas, which is mounting an aggressive campaign to sell

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TUC highlights seasonal exploitation and bad practice

### Dickensian bosses blight Christmas

Monks: demand for fairness

EMPLOYEES across Britain are facing a bleak" Christmas from bad bosses, the While the TUC says that many com-

panies in the UK treat their staff fairly. there is a "rough end to life at work in Britain today", with many employees working gruelling hours in dangerous environments, sometimes for poverty wages and often for "builying" bosses.

The TUC today publishes the results of calls to its recently opened telephone hotline. It offers employees the opportunity in confidence to detail bad practices at work. Of 5,000 calls received, the TUC discloses that a third were from people in white collar jobs, and one in four was a manager or professional, complaining of individual bullying bosses and "exploitative" corporate policies. Bullying topped the list of

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

complaints, with four in ten calls relating to bullying at work - half of them from men. Cases included staff being made to stand in the corner of an office wearing a dunce's hat, throwing things at employees and direct sexual harassment of women.

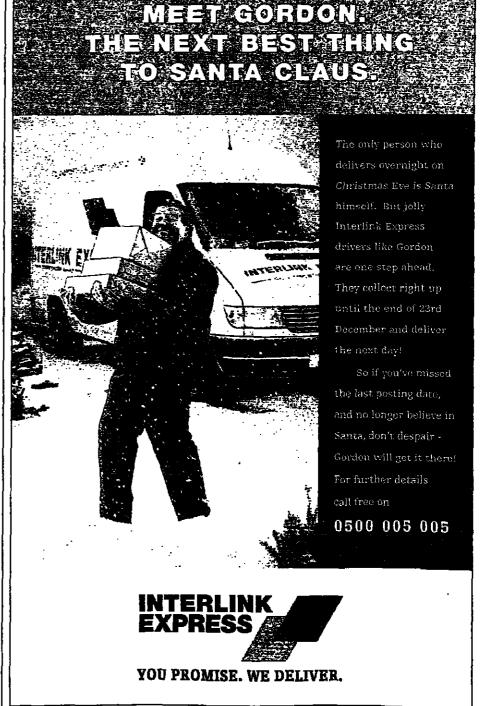
A quarter of all calls complained of low pay. Some said they were earning as little as El an hour, and more than two in five are earning £2.50 an hour or less. Cases include a Liverpool security guard working 12-hour shifts for £2.97 an hour; his

worksite charges 12p for a teabag.

Another key area of complaint was changes to contracts, with one firm cited as "cancelling" Christmas, only allowing staff to take Christmas Day and Boxing Day off as part of their annual leave entitlement. A security guard is getting his first Christmas holiday in six years.

John Monks, TUC General Secretary, says today: "The technology and the jobs may have changed, but workplace relations can come straight from the pages of Dickens." He says that many of the bad bosses' practices are a legacy of the 1980s: "Job insecurity, increased pressure at work and the widespread perception that the balance of power at work had swung too far in the direction of the bad boss were important ingredients in the Conservatives' election defeat."

The TUC says the "clear demand for fairness at work" has not gone away since the election. The unions, which met Tony Blair last week to discuss a range of issues, believe that some of the abuses will be remedied by legislation, including a minimum wage, union recognition and limits on working time.





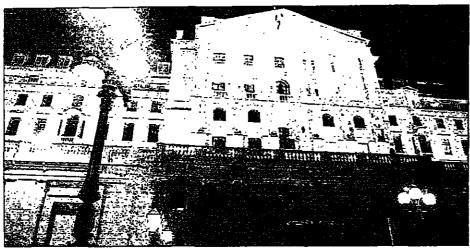
## Landing in the luxury of the economists' playground

American economist now serving on the Bank o England's Monetary Policy Committee, hasn't hung out with central bankers for long but she has swiftly perfected their brand of infuriating discretion.

Asked in an interview with The Times whether she regards herself as a hawk or a dove on interest rates, she answers: "I don't think that hawks and doves are very useful categories except for hirds." That is central bankerspeak for "I am not going to tell you whether I opposed arguments for a further interest rate rise at the December meeting of the MPC".

But, at the end of the interview. Dr Julius clearly felt that she would like to place herself a little more specifically in the spectrum of opinion represented on the MPC. She couldn't quite bring herself to categorise herself as a dove but did, ever so carefully, say: "I am more optimistic than some about the productive potential of the British economy.

To the non-economist, this broadly means that she believes that the economy may be efficient enough nowadays to expand for longer without igniting inflation. In the current interest rate debate, it probably means that she is opposed to vet another touch on the monetary brakes and is prepared to wait and see whether signs of a slowdown in growth become more frequent as the impact of Janet Bush meets the woman who is thought to represent the real world at the Bank of England



The Bank of England could well hear dissent if MPC members do start to disagree

rates continues to be felt. But she didn't, of course, say that. Dr Julius comes to her work

on the MPC with a heavy burden of expectation, not because she is a foreigner and the only woman on the committee, but because she is the only member to have firsthand experience of business in the private sector, having served as chief economist for Shell and British Airways.

The other members of the MPC appointed from outside the Bank are steeped either in the City or in academic economics. So Dr Julius, a quietly spoken but steely woman.

successive rises in interest finds herself the great white hone of those who see the new committee, with its outside appointees, as a way of breaking the monopoly of perceived monetary hardliners at the Bank and ensuring that the real economy - and industry would gain a champion.

Dr Julius politely declined to comment on whether any member of the MPC argued for a further rate rise at December's meeting, having signed up unanimously to a quarter-point rise in November. But she acknowledged that the policy debate has become more contentious as the economy appears to be nearing a turning point.

She said: "The evidence

could be read either way either that the economy has a full head of steam behind it and is therefore likely to keep moving for a considerable time before it slows, or that this quarter, last quarter, next quarter, will turn out to have been the peak of the cycle in terms of the growth rate. It is a difficult one to call."

She believes that the policies are in place, including a tight fiscal policy, successive rises in interest rates since May and a strong exchange rate, to induce a slowdown in economic growth next year. On balance, she believes that there is some evidence now that the deceleration in growth is starting, but the question remains how substantial that slowdown is likely to be and whether it is enough to damp down inflationary pressures.

Along with other members of the MPC, and the Chancelfor himself. Dr Julius is wor-

CHANGE ON WEEK

US dollar

1.6690 (+0.0163)

German mark

2.9518 (+0.0212)

Exchange index

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

104.5 (+0.8)

FT 30 share

3228.7 (-6.9)

FTSE 100

5020.2 (-25.0)

7756.29 (-82.01) Tokyo Nikkei Avge

15314.89 (-589.41)

New York Dow Jones

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ried about wages. She is keeping a hawk's eye on the spring wage round and, on the night before she spoke to The Times, she had visited a group of Home Countres business men whose main complaint was the difficulty in hiring skilled workers.

The danger of wage inflation is clearly a live issue in the MPC, as it is in the US Federal Reserve. A comparison between the two is tempting. Alan Greenspan, Fed Chairman, has been widely credited with pursuing a "suck it and see" policy of allowing the economy to go on growing and creating jobs, even at low rates of unemployment which in the past had caused inflation, until concrete signs of inflation emerge. He has been far less hawkish on interest rates than many private economists had expected him to be.

Dr Julius seems to share some of Mr Greenspan's instinct of letting the economy breathe. She believes that it is in the late stages of economic recovery that business really starts to look for efficiency gains as they run up against capacity constraints.

It is when you get into this phase of a sustained upswing that you do get some of the positive dynamics beginning to take place. That is when you get firms really looking at how to improve productivity because they have been constrained. That is when you get people being pulled back into the labour force who are a little more difficult to employ, who have been out of work a long time, who are young and have no experience, disabled peo-

want to choke off the positive benefits which, in a dynamic sense, you only get when the economy is beginning to approach some of its limits."

That, for all those people scared that Gordon Brown had handed power over interest rates to a bunch of "inflation nutters" at the Bank of England, is a very welcome emphasis. It might even have a tinge of dovishness about it. What are the chances of an

MPC member or two breaking ranks on an interest rate decision in the weeks ahead? Dr Julius doesn't think much of the theory that, in its early days as the MPC builds up credibility, there is an inbuilt bias towards unanimity. The key will be perceptions of the economy, but group dynamics clearly play a role.

"The process will be streng-thened if we, as a committee, have a strong decision-making ability and respect for each other's view and that probably means that one doesn't dissent lightly or cavalierly and I don't think any of us are into

"There isn't any particular pressure to dissent. On the other hand, I think we are a group of quite strong-minded individuals and, if and when one or more of us feels that the decision of the majority is moving towards a wrong decision, there will certainly be dissent." Watch this space.

So is Dr Julius enjoying what must be a dramatic change of scene, swapping the cut and thrust of British Airways for the old-style civility of the Bank of England? She answers as a typical economist, less concerned with cultural differences than with the detail of her work. The biggest change, she says, is concentrating purely on the British economy rather than the glob-

But she clearly likes being a full-time boffin, spending her time debating with other boffins in a wonderful economists' playground.

"There is a very good technical staff here, there is very interesting economic work being done and that means that much of my time is spent delving into the intricacies of the econometric models. That is very different from being the only, or one of a very small number of economists, working in business," she said.

To delve into all those things that you are really quite interested in, with very good people to do a lot of the work,

WORD-WATCHING

TELEVISION CHOICE

### A boys in blue panto

TTV. 8.00pm The normally serious business of thief-taking is shunted to the sidelines as the Sun Hill precinct puts on a Christmas panto in this one hour special. Expect shouts of "Behind you" and "Oh no you don't" as well as the amusing spectacle of the butch boys done up as pantomime dames. Will PC Page, Aladdin's director and probable candidate for a nervous breakdown, be able to find a replacement for a sick Widow Twanky? Will she be able to stop the two halves of the pantomime cow from coming to blows and will she be able to find a suitable venue in time for opening night? But this being Sun Hill, crime is never far away. Apart from a turkey-thieving Santa, there's a vengeful man who is out to hurt DI Deakin (Shaun Scott).

Christmas TV Dinners

If the eco-warriors had need of a chef it would be Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall. Certainly he has chosen two very untraditional and alternative Christmas feasts to feature in this special. One of them is an alfresco number in the company of 40 travellers who use whatever they can find to aid their festive meal. They use spare wood for a roaring bonfire on which they cook colourful kebabs; rosemary twigs for flavoursome skewers and a traffic cone passes as a mould for a profiterole mountain. The other meal is a L2-course affair prefaced by a naked swim in the icy Norfolk sea for three close friends. Stuffed giant carp and fresh langoustine served on a huge fir tree branch feature in this gastronomic marathon, which is evidently enjoyed by the increasingly "relaxed" forsilies.

Equinox Moscow, We Have a Problem Channel 4, 9.00pm

Heralded as a world exclusive, Equinox talks to the British-born astronaut Michael Foale about the 140 days he spent on board the disaster-prone Russian space station Mir. Ham radio recordings of frantic messages to ground control, personal testimonies and on-board footage bear witness to the series of nerve-racking events that nearly ended in tragedy. We learn that Mir suffered an

Festive cooking alfresco (C4, 8.30pm)

imprecedented 1,500 malfunctions in 1997 but since it was never meant to be operative beyond 199; this is hardly surprising. Foale has returned to Britain to spend Christmas with his family and talks to Equinor about his single-minded determination to become an astronaut — an ambition he achieved when he became the second Briton in space in 1992 and the first to walk in space in 1995, observing with typically British understatement, "God, it's high!"

BBC2, II.I5pm Phil Cornwell and John Sessions test out a range of Phil Cornwell and John Sessions test out a range of their impressions and parry pieces in this ten-part series of ten-minute silliness. The idea is that "famous people from stage and screen" have holed to up as neighbours in a respectable street in Surbition and get up to all sorts of ordinariness in the process. It is just a jolly good excuse for the two to take off, with varying degrees of success, the likes of Michael Caine, Jack Nicholson (both excellent), David Bowie, Jimmy Hill (?). Dirk Bogarde, Joe Pesci and Al Pacino, not forgetting Mick and Keef who have retired from a life of rock introll to run the corner shop. There is also Mrs 'n'roll to run the corner shop. There is also Mrs Huggett (Sessions in old lady drag) who is cleaner and confidante to the stars. Side-splittingly funny it is not, but vaguely amusing in the way that an average college revue would be. Peter Richardson of the Comic Strip directs.

#### RADIO CHOICE

Classic Comedy: The Goon Show

Radio 2, 3.00pm BBC radio is sometimes accused of spending too much time on nostalgia trips (about as often as it is accused of not spending enough) but this could hardly be a better week for daily repeats of *The Goon Show*, now more than 40 years old. Younger listeners will need to be told at once that today's programme. The Case of the Missing CD Plates, has nothing to do with recorded music. I doubt that it has much to do with the Corps Diplomatique, either, for the Goons—Spike Milligan, Peter Sellers, Michael Bentine and Harry Secombe—created a world in which the surreal was commonplace. This was ground-breaking comedy and it informed much of what came later, from Monty Python to The Fast Show

RADIO 1

6.30am Chris Moyles 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley. Includes 12.30pm Newsbear 3.00 Dave Pearce 6.15 Newsbear 6.30 Evening Session Pub Cuz 8.30 Live Music Update 8.40 Andy Nershaw 10.30 Mary Anna Hobbs\* Breezeblock Special 1.00mm Chartle Jordan 4.00 Cive Warren

RADIO 2

6,00am Alex Lester 7,30 Wake Up to Wogan 9,30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debble Turower 3.00 Classic Cornedy, The Goon Show, See Choice (r) 3.30 Fichard Allinson 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Des O'Connor with a Christmas Audience 8.00 Chris Barber at Christmas, Recorded at the Res Theatre, Birmingham 9.00 Carl Davis Christmas. 10.00 Bob Harris 12.05am Patrick Lunt 3.00 Katrina.

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme 9.00 Gary Robertson 12.00 Middley with Mear 2.00pon Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.30 Sportstrack. Music and sporting memories from 1983 8.00 The Monday Match. Wimbledon v Arsenal, 10,00 News Talk with Nick Robinson 11,00 News Extra 11.30 Tales of the Turf. The disappearance of Shergar (r) 12.00 Alter Hours 2.00am Up All Night 5.00 Morning Reports

VIRGIN RADIO

5.00am Jeremy Clark 7.00 Chris Evans 10.00 (FM) Robin Banks (MW) Graham Dene 1.00pm (FM) Nick Abbot (MW) Nicky Home 4.00 Mark Forrest 7.00 (FM) Paul Coyte (MW) Carnin Jones 10.00 Lynn Parsons 2.00am Richard Porter

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross and Carol McGiffin 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Raebum 9.00 Steve Hamilton 1.00am Andy Wint

6.00am On Alr, with Stephanie Hughes, including
Grieg (Holberg Suite); Dvořák (Romance in F
miror): Beethoven (Overture The Ruins of Athens);
Warlock (Capriol Suite); Rossini (Overture La
Cenerantola); Stravirsky (Three Movements from
Petrushka); (Maurizio Polini, plano)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday.
C P.E. Bach (Symphorry in D); Strauss (Don Juan);
Mccart (String Cuintet in D)
10.00 Musical Encounters. Verdi (Overture Nabucco);
Gurney (Severn Meadows); Praetorius (Singt und
Kingt); Mozart (Serenade in C minor); Stephen
Gibson (Sprit of Youth); Schubert (Shephend on
the Rock); Beethoven (Symphony No 7 in A);
Anon (There is no Rose)
12.00 Composers of Weels: British Light Nuels
1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. Kathryn
Stott, piano. Includes Brahms (Plano Sonata in F
minor, Op 5, No 3); Chopin (Nocturnes in B flet,
Op 9 No 3; in C sharp minor, Op 27 No 1); Lepunov (Transcendertal Study No 10 in B minor) (r)
2.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC National Orchestra of
Wales. Maithies (Dance Overture): Mozert (Violin
Concerto No 5 in A); under Tadaald Otaka, Joji
Hattori, violin Copland (Suite Billy the Kid); under
Grant Llewellyn; Tchaileovsky (Swan Lake,
excerpts), under Tadaald Otaka
3.55 Nursery Notions: Humpty Dumpty. The first of
five programmes about nursery rhymes
4.00 Clementi and Beethoven. Malcoim Birns
performs Clementi (Plano Sonata in E flat)

The mournful strains of a violin over the sound of a train pounding along the tracks introduce this dramansation, by Martin Jameson, of the Januszdramatisation, by Martin Jameson, of the Janusz-Korzak story about a boy who becomes a king in a fictional Eastern European country. Nominally, there are two stories, the one about the boy king being told to children on a train journey whose purpose remains unclear for a long time. The story of the boy, King Matt, is interwoven with that of the children on the train and the device is extremely effective, especially at the point where extremely effective, especially at the point where the train arrives at its destination and the true purpose of the children's journey becomes clear. Matt is played with great conviction by Jonathan

The Monday Play: King Matt

Radio 4, 7.45pm

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Shelf: The Christmas Party 7.30 The Vintage Chart Show 8.00 News 8.10 Pause for Thought 8.15 Marter for Debate 9.00 News, News in German (648 only) 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Founders of their Faith 9.30 Westway Access 9.45 Sports 9,15 Founders of their Faith 9,30 Westway Access 9,45 Sports Roundup 10,00 Newsdesk 10,30 Omnibus 11,00 Newsdesk 11,30 Jazzametazz 12,00 News 12,05pm World Business Report 12,15 Britain Today 12,30 Seven Days 12,45 Sports Roundup 1,00 Newshout 2,00 News 2,05 Catilook 2,30 Options 3,00 World News, (548 only) News in German 3,05 Sports Roundup 3,15 Westway Access 3,30 The Boy George Collection 4,00 News 4,15 Seven Days 4,30 The World Today; (548 only) News in German 3,05 Sports Roundup 3,15 Westway Access 3,30 The Boy George Collection 4,00 News 4,15 Seven Days 4,30 The World Today; (548 only) News in German 4,45 Britain Today 5,00 Fumos Collection 4.00 News 4.15 Seven Lays 4.30 The World Today; 6.48 only) News in German 4.45 Britain Today 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Sports Roundup 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Just a Minute, News in German (648 only) 7.00 News 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Pause for Thought 7.30 Multitrack Hit List 8.00 Newshour 9.00 News 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Britain Today 9.30 Northern Lights 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 The World Today 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 10.30 The World Today 10.45 sports roundup 11.46 rems 11.05 Outdook 11.30 Multitrack Hif List 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30am Westwey 12.45 Entain Today 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Seven Days 1.45 Sense and Sensibilities 2.00 Newsday 2.30 On Screen 3.00 News 3.05 World Business Report 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 Civilization 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Europe Today 5.00 Newsday 5.30 Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Alan Mann, includes the Trumper Alarm Call and Breakfast Baroque 9.00 Henry Kelly, includes carols by the ri-chorboys of New College, Oxford Plus Hall of Fame Hour. Record of the Week and a recipe for sweet rice with saffron and Hecord of the Weak and a recipe for sweet rice with samon and crange rind stuffing 1.00pm Listener Request Hour with Jane Jones 2.00 Concerto Brahms (Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat) 3.00 Jamie Crick 8.30 Newsnight 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven with John Brunning 8.00 Evening Concert Arvo Part (Magnificat); Liszt (The Christmas Story) 10.00 Michael Mappin 7: Includes at 11.35 Noctume 2.00am Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark 7: Criffithe

4.45 Turns of the Century. Another chance to hear the series celebrating great comedy performers. Today, Roy Hudd looks at Max Miller's career (n. 5.00 in Repertory. The Tirnes opera critic Rodney Milnes talk to Ileana Cotrubas about the role of Violetta in Verdi's La Traviata, using the recording she made with the Bavarian State Opera Chorus and Orchestra, under Carlos Kleiber (n. 6.00 Schubert Songbook. A Christmas selection of highlights from this year's series (n. 6.15 in Country Churches. Romsey Abbey, Hampshire Adrian Jack visits one of England's great Norman churches, with a foundation dating back to 907.

7.00 Performance on 3. To celebrate the bicentenary of Donizetti's birth. Gordon Stewart introducas a performance of Elisabette given last week at the Festival Half, London, by the Royal Opera. With Andrea Rost, soprano, Leah-Marien Jones, mezzo, Giuseppe Sabbatini, tenor. Robin Legoate. Interpretation of the Sabbatini, beritone, Royal Opera Chorus and Orchestra under Carlo Riczi Operation of the Song — Victoria Wood.

The singer and comedian talks to lain Burnside about her favourite songs and singers.

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5.55am (LW) Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for a Day 8.45
The Nation's Favourile Poems 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, with the Times columnist Melvyn Bragg and guests 10.00 (FM) News; Dear Diary. Julian Clary records his thoughts as he tours Britain with his current correct estrayacanza (6/6)

comedy extravaganza (6/6) 10.00 (LW) News; Delfy Service 10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Gaotirey Wheeler 10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Jenni Murray 11.30 Money Box Live. The latest personal finance news with Vincent Ouggleby

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Mark Whittaker

12.5pm Wildbrath. Lionel Kelleway presents the final
of the natural history cutz at Rutland Water, the
home of the Bittish Birdwalching Fair 12.55 1.00 The World at One, with Alex Brodie

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2.00 News; Hand in Glove. The final episode of Stephen Muline's period drama. With Michael Perceval-Maxwell and Billy Boyd
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor
4.00 News; 4.05 Keleidoscope. Lynne Walker sees a new touring production of West Side Story, currently in Birmingham, and Manchester Royal Exchange's new presentation of Noel Coward's Present Laughter.

Present Laughter 4.45 Short Story: The Nightingale and the Rose, by Oscar Wide, read by John Molfatt

5.00 PM, with Clare English and Chris Lowe 5.50
Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 News Quiz of the Year. The first of two
programmes in which Simon Hoggart presents a
selection of highlights from the first half of the
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7.20 The Food Programme. Derek Cooper meets some of the thousands of people who make the treditional Christmas dinner possible (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: King Matt, by Janus Korczał With Cilve Russell, Russell Daron and Malcolm Hebrien. See Choice

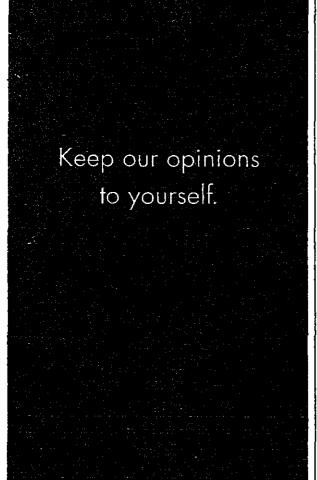
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9.15 Better Than Sex: Second-Hand Pleasures, by Jeanette Winterson (4/4) (r)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.25 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedfiner Playback, by Raymond Chandler, shridged by Robert Dodds (1/10) (r)
11.00 Consider the Butterfly, by Patricia Hannah With Vivienne Dixon and Jan Ravers
11.30 (FM) Death on the Nile. Michael Bekewel's charmatication of the Anatha Christia Power Man.

dramatisation of the Agains Christie novel. With John Moffet and Donald Sinden (4/5) (r)

11.30 (LW) An Ell at Christmas, with David Sedans 11.40 (LW) Today in Parliament. A roundup of the day's events at Westmins 12.00 News; 12.30sm The Late Book: Christmast, at the End of the Road, Written and read by Tom Bodett (1/5)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE, RADIO 1. FM 97.6-98.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE, MW 683, 909, WORLD SERVICE, MW 648; LW 198 (12,45-5.55am), CLASSIC FM, FM 100-102. VIRIGIN RADIO, FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO, MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Jan Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.



It's all very well to say share and share alike, but in all honesty wouldn't you prefer to enjoy at leisure your own copy of the Times Educational Supplement? The FE Focus section, in particular, really does deserve much more than a rushed flick through in the staffroom. So for opinions worth taking the time to listen to, buy your awn copy, take it home and keep it to yourself. **BEFOCUS** 

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#### Answers from page 39

(a) The former name of Tokyo, used sattributively to designate materials, etc. originating there (before 1868, in which year the name

was changed). "Yeddo crepe, a cotton fabric thick as linen but soft, (a) The name of an island in the Western Isles, used to designate a small, brownish, short-tailed sheep, Ovis aries, belonging to a variety once restricted to the island. The Soay sheep is the most primitive

domestic form in Europe."

(b) A fragrant white or yellow polyanthus narcissus. Narcissus lazello, native to the Mediterranean, or any of the numerous varieties developed from it. In Italian tazzetta means a little cup. The rising sun lighted a green plain covered with tazetta narcissus.

(a) A form of whistled Spanish used by the inhabitants of Gomera in the Canary Islands, in order to communicate across long distances. In Spanish, it means a whistle or whistling, "In the Spanish Civil War, military signals were on occasion cast in Silbo, but there were Gomerans on both sides and so the measure-conterm

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## Tales of showmen and their many women

n Saturday night it was still possible to pretend that you know what is not coming. A bit of judicious work with the remote control and you could steer your way through the evening without catching even a glimpse of tinsel. Instead we could concentrate on the serious things in life, such as Busby Berkeley and Hughie Green, two men who shared a passion for showbusiness and pretty girls and whose biographical profiles were scheduled. rather deliciously, to run back-to-

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back on BBC2. Some of the links were obvious. Despite enjoying their primes some 30 years apart and on opposite sides of the Atlantic, both were deeply rooted in foot-tappin'. vaudeville tradition. Berkeley's parents, we learnt in Going Through The Roof, an orthodox biography with almost as many co-producers as Berkeley had dancers, were both actors. Green,

on the other hand, according to Paul Merton's narration to the less conventional The Works: Hughie about the vicar who filled in the gaps with gags. Was he guided by the voice of God or the sound of Green was the godson of the legendary music-hall comedian Harry Tate". For anybody under the age of 45, that's "legendary" in its rarely used form meaning never heard of 'im".

You would have to be under five and/or living in a deep cave, however, not to have heard of his godson over the past fortnight. I wondered how the whole Paula Yates imbroglio would be ac-knowledged in a film purporting to be about Green's career. It took less than a minute to discover that it wasn't so much being acknowledged by Mike Connolly, the director, as embraced. The intake of breath nearly sucked the altar in." said one, recalling how Noel Botham's extraordinary address was received at Green's already fairly extraordinary-sounding fu-neral. I wanted to know more

opportunity knocking?

I also wanted to know more about Green than his womanising. Cramming all this controversy into half an hour left little time for the early years of his career when - at about the same time as Berkeley was making 42nd Street - Green was becoming a theatrical impresario at the age of 12. The legendary Harry Tate had clearly done his godfatherly stuff.

Berkeley's, reputation survived its trial by television slightly better, helped by the fact that all his women and heavy drinking happened a long time ago and by the fact that American film historians earnestly discussing the phallic symbolism of his dance routines made me laugh ... until we got to Carmen Miranda's bananas, anyway. But



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it was also helped by the fact that, unlike Green's career, which never recovered from the plug being pulled on *Opportunity Knocks* in 1978, Berkeley's did bounce back from embittered obscurity, to renewed fashionability and a facesaving deal to put his name to the Broadway production of No. No. Nanette in the 1960s. So at least one of them left us smiling. Nothing about last night's get through an episode is by

almost physical allergy to the series some time ago, that wasn't too surprising. From the moment Earnonn's turkey waddled into Father Clifford's cottage, I knew that the seasonal festivities could be postponed no longer.

It's not just the antiquity of the

live Christmas turkey gag I object to ("Could you kill a turkey, Brendan?" "Only in self-defence, Father") it's the double standards. How can people get all hot and bothered about EastEnders' portrayal of rural Irish life when the Irish Government subsidises a series that depicts its people as a bunch of semi-literate chancers, never happier than when they are dealing in smoke-damaged or smuggled goods ... except when they're sitting in the pub, drinking. Until somebody explains that to me, I've found the only way I can and beautiful thing.

T quickly discovered that the only way I was going to get through The Perfect Blue (BBC2) was to put all thoughts of Four Weddings and a Funeral as far from mind as possible. Not easy when our star-crossed, multicultural couple meet, with their respective mismatched partners. at a wedding fashion show. I kept waiting for Andie McDowell to come out of the changing room in

her Bo Peep outfit.
For a little while I thought either Nick Collins, the writer, or Kieron J. Walsh, the director, was trying to make some clever point about romantic film cliches, but after the umpteenth of these — was it the awkward "what have we done" sitting-up-in-bed scene or the endlessly rehearsed "there's something I must tell you" speech? - I

Ballykissangel (BBCI) left me concentrating hard on Dervla smiling, but as 1 developed an Kirwan's nose — which is a rare old-fashioned romance embracing old-fashioned cliché: nothing wrong with that as long as you believe in the underlying love story. But I didn't for a minute.

This, I think, was because Collins writes better lines, for women than for men: good news for inday Bay and Ruth Gemmell and unfortunate for Philip Glenister, who could do nothing with dialogue that suggested he'd be doing well to have even one woman fall in love with him.

Finally the ghost of Christmases and, indeed, funerals past returned in the shape of Simon Callow and A Christmas Dickens (BBC2). This, I should stress, is an acquired taste, with Callow giving a bravura performance as Dickens and Dickens taking the Dickens of a long time to make his satirical point. Still, it has its charm and the Victorian parlour audience over-act divertingly.

#### BBC1

6.00em Business Breekfast (35613) 7.00 BBC Breekfast News (T) (36209) 9.00 That's Entertainment! (1974) Choice moments from some of the great MGM rousicals. (Part 2 is tornorrow) (T)

11,05 The Traditions of Christmas Portrait of Charles Dickens (I) (40984) 11.10 Champion Children Awards 1997

Highlights from last month's ceremony (1822938) 12.00 Last of the Summer Wine (r) (1) (62551) 12.30pm Celebrity Ready, Steady, Cook (r)

(Sg193) 1.00 Name (1) and weather (39396) 1.30 Regional News (17113754) 1.40 The Weather Show (86944613)

1.45 Neighbours (T) (40530808) 2.10 Petrocelli Crime drama, with Barry Newman (r) (1722358)

3.00 Vets in Practice (r) (1) (1209) 3.30 Playdays (7470822) 3.50 Enchanted Lands (8940551) 4.00 Bodger and Badger (7301342) 4.15 Noah's Island (3091209) 4.40 Goosebumps (6515445) 5.00 Newsround (T) (4484223) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (6996071)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (787735) 6.00 News (T) and weather (445)

6.30 Regional News (975) 7.00 This is Your Life Presented by Michael 7.30 Here and Now: Shopping for Free Chris Choi goes undercover to see how

one of Britain's largest shopping centres copes with Christmas shoplifters (1) (209) 8.00 EastEnders Peggy's announcement

spells disappointment for Tiffany, while Kathy is the bearer of bad tidings for Pat (1) (2938) 8.30 Children's Hospital: Christmas . . . . - Special Andrew Sachs presents an

update on the year's cases, including baby Faith Hampson, born with a Foster, knocked down while crossing the

9.00 News (1) and weather (3025) 9.30 Hotel The Adelphi staff prepare for the annual Bestles Convention; 326 stranded

(1) (86629) 10.00 Death Train (1993) with Pierce Brosnen. A mercenary is hired to transport a ruclear device across Europe and deliver it to Sacidam Husseln. Directed by David

S. Jackson (T) (616919) 11.40 Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966) Send-up of the Scarlet Pimpernel story, with Sid James leading the regular team

as an aristocrat who masquerades as the Black Fingernal to save noblemen from execution during the French Revolution. Directed by Geraid Thomas (T) (287735) 1.05am The Phentom of Hollywood (1974)
with Jack Cassidy. A masked monater
goes on the rampage against highpowered executives who are planning to sel the dispidated film studio is calls bond Discond by Gene Levill (3235548)

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7.15am Teletubbles (r) (2133822) 7.40 Orville and Cuddles (r) (5894464) 7.45 Juniper Jungle (r) (5884087) 7.58 Yakky Duck (r) (6919990) 8.15 Blue Peter (r) (T) (9882193) 8.40 Henry and the Hendersons (r) (T) (6640759) 9.05 The

Real Adventures of Jonny Cuest (r) (1) (1924551) 9,30 Sweet Velley High (r) (9027938) 9,55 Pingu (r) (7788209) 10,00 Telefubbies (81261)

10:30 The Water Bables (1978) Live-action and animation adaptation of the classic children's tale. Directed by Lionel Jeffries

(1) (20629).

12.00 A Gift for Heidi (1958) with Sandy
Descher: Children's tale inspired by
Johanna Spyn's classic novel (7506342)

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(832613) 3.15 Close-Up on James Stewart (7220377) 3.25 News; (2317498) 3.30 How the West Was Won (1962) Episodic western starring James Stewart,
John Wayne, Gregory Peck, Henry Fonda
and Debbie Reynolds. Directed by John
Ford, Henry Hathaway and George
Marshall (353174)

6.00 The Simpsons (T) (881551) **6.20 Battlestar Galactics** (r) (1) (454803)

7.15 Close-Up on James Stewart Writer Armistead Maupin and director David Lynch (172735).
7.30 A Christman Dickens Simon Callow as Dickens recalls his immortal creation Mrs

Gamp (T),(551) 8.00 Top Geer: The TVR Story (1) (3280) 8.30 The Antiques Show Christmes Special Children's toys of days gone by a guide to table decorations and



Madcap comedy quiz (9.00pm)

9.00 Shooting Stars Mark Owen, Louise Melvyn Hayes and Lorraine Kelly John team captains Ulrika Jonsson and Mark Laman for a Christmas edition of the surreal outz (1) (1667) 9.30 The Fast Show (i) (14241)

10.00 All Rise for Julian Clary (1) (61822) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (992777) Stella Street Spoof soap set in leady suburble inhabited by

the stars (T) (693667) 11.25 Vertigo (1958) Classic psychological thriller directed by Alfred Hitchcock and starring James Stewart and Kim Novak (1) (56070445)

1.30am Rope (1948) with James Stewart, John Dall, Farley Granger and Sir Cedric Hardwicks. Two college students murder a triend purely to see if they can commit the perfect crime. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock (3663304) 2.50 Weather (3135762)

6.00am GMTV (2429396) 9.25 Treasure Seekers (1/4) (r) (T) (1922193) 9.55 News (T) and weather (7775735)

10.00 Regional News (8900193) 10.05 Mumile's White Christmas (7784483) 10.30 Christmas on Division Street (1991)
with Fred Savage and Hume Cronyn. A
friendship develops between a wealthy
man and an elderly vagrant. Directed by

George Kaczender (97267025) 12.20pm Regional News (9166716) 12.55 Dinosaurs (2117648)

1.30 Pinky and the Brain (83532) 2.00 Alice in Wonderland (1951) Disney animated version of Lewis Carroll's adventure (1) (2202975)

3.20 News (T) regional news and weather 3.35 Police Academy II: Their First
Assignment (1985) with Stave
Guttenberg and Bubba Smith. Capitain

Lassard takes on six raw recruits fresh from the Police Academy to beat the crimewave in his precinct. Directed by Jerry Paris (T) (3522939)

5.05 Talking Telephone Numbera (3945261) 5.40 News (T) and weather (857613) 6.00 The Baldy Man (704938) 6.25 Regional Weather (680919) 6.30 Wates Tonight (1) and weather (193)

7.00 Michael Barrymore's Strike it Rich 7.30 Coronation Street Chris plays the Good



Panto time at Sun Hill (8,00pm)

The Bill: Twanky An extended edition of the police dizma series (1) (2071)

9.00 Pretty Woman (1990) Romantic cornedy with Julia Roberts and Richard Gere. When a wealthy corporate raider stops and asks a beautiful prostitute for directions, he decides to hire her to be his companion for a week. Directed by Garry Marshall (1) (42643919)

11.10 News (T) and weather (308087) 11.25 Regional News (671445)

11.35 Gremiins (1984) with Zach Galligan and Phoebe Cates. Comedy horror about a cute little creature which gets wet when it shouldn't and spawns a horde of vicious monsters. Directed by Joe Dante (1)

1.35am Collins and Maconie's Movie Club An alternative film and video guide (5590410) 2.05 Football Extra with Gabriel Clark

(5151588) 3.05 A Christmas Concert from Winches (r) (829236)

5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (17656) 5.30 Bugs Bunny Special (6185965) 5.55 Notes (6188052)

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As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.30 Surprise Chels (2117645)

6.00 24 Hours (613) 6.30-7.00 Central News (193)

1.35am Football Extra (6955323) 2,35 Film: Sword of the Valiant (1983). A fantasy adventure starring Miles O'Keele, Sean Connery and Trevor Howard.

Directed by Stephen Weeks (135149) 4.20 Film: Mr Muggs Rides Again (1945, b/w). A Bowery Boys cornedly directed by Wallace Fox (9015588) 5.25 Cybernet (3533859)

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1.30 Frances Bissell's West Country Christmes Vegetable terrine (1/3) (81174) 2.00 The Homecoming (1971) with Patricia
Neal and Richard Thomas. The family film
which served as a pilot for *The Waltons*.
Directed by Fielder Cook (1) (600071)

3.50 Beau Brummel (1954) with Stewart
Granger as the Regency dandy and Peter
Ustinov as the Prince of Wales. Directed by Curtis Bernhardt (T) (588990)

5.50 Ant and Dec's Georgia Christm Festive fun aboard a boat, with guests Peter Andre, Aled Jones and Joe Pasquale (T) (759939)

6.30 Hollyoaks Dawn's family alm to give her a very special Christmas. Clady goes into labour (T) (735)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (6700) 7.30 Tom Keating on Painters The notorious artist and restorer examines the work of Titian and paints Tarquin and Lucretia (r)

(1) (919) 8.00 Pet Rescue Christmas Special from the RSCPA centre at Great Ayton,

Yorkshire (T) (5648) Christmas TV Dinners Hugh Feamley-Whittingstall joins the testive preparations for two sumptuous Christmas feests: a 12course meal and an open-air feast for 40 prepared in a caravan (1) (7483)



9.00 Equinox Moscow, We a Problem British-born astronaut Michael Foale reveals, for the first time, details of what went wrong during his 140 days in space aboard the

Russian space station Mir (1) (3377) 10.00 Near Dark (1987) with Adrian Pasdar Chiller about a Midwestern farmboy who becomes involved with a gang of travelling vampires. Directed by Kathryn Bigelow (450280)

11,45 The American Football Big Match em Zoltan, Hound of Dracula (1978)

with Reggie Naider. Dracula's dog is brought back from the dead and joins forces with a half-vampire. Together they travel from Transylvania to New York in search of the Count's last true descendants. Directed by Albert Band 1285762)

2.40 Springhill (5141675) 3.40 Football Italia (r) (57537830) CHANNEL 5

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revisits two young patients who received treatment earlier this year at Guy's Hospital kidney unit (9201434)

11.00 Leeze (3245396) 11.50 Double Espresso (90801667) 12.65 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (5500826)

12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (1427532) 1.00 5 News Update (88769822) 1.05 Sunsei Beach (1) (4010754) 2.00 5's Company (3215532)

3.30 One Christmas (1995) with Henry Winkler, T.J. Lowither and Katherine Hepburn A young boy spends Christmas with the drunken father he's never met.

Directed by Tony Bill (9414648) 5.20 5's Company - Late Extra (56771629) 5.30 Whittle (4683396) 6.00 100 Per Cent (4680209)



Party time for the girls (6.30pm)

6.30 Family Affairs Claire is very disappointed by the lack of birthday presents (T) (4664261)

7.00 Exclusive (5032174) 7.30 Empire of the Elephants: Little Gar Etosha National Park, Namibia (4660445) 8.00 Period Rooms A 1960s living room

(5041822) 8.30 5 News (5037629) 9.00 The Sweeney: One of Your Own starring John Thew and Dennis

Waterman. Carter spends a night behind bars (8608025) 10.00 The Comedy Network Stand-up comedy with Jenny Eclair, Jim Tavaré and Stawart Lee (4150385)

10.30 Tibs and Fibs irreverent medical quiz (8855993) 11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Late night chat and comedy (5849754)

11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (6926396) 12.45am Live and Dangerous Sports megazine hosted by Dominik Diamond and Shelley Webb (24034526) 3.45 Asian Football Show (5784859)

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5,30 100 Per Cent (7848472)

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Judy Garland stars in Meet Me in St Louis (TNT, 9.00pm)

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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

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## Rising level of pay deals adds to interest rate worries

INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

WAGE settlements in Britain are accelerating rapidly, according to industry evidence published today. raising fears of increasing inflation and a further rise in interest rates.

Pay deals in both manufacturing and the service sector are rising. new findings from the Confedera-

tion of British Industry show. The Government is braced for a

bonuses - especially in the City feed through into the average earnings index, pushing it up from the stable level shown in official figures last week.

But in advance of that, the latest reports from the CBI's pay databank showing increasing wage settlements will prompt concern in business, the City and Whitehall of consequent pressure on inflation, and of the subsequent need for a fur-

rise in earnings as pre-Christmas ther rise in interest rates to damp bonuses — especially in the City — down price pressures. The CBI's regular tracking of pay settlements shows that pay deals in manufac-turing averaged 3.4 per cent in the three months to November.

This is sharply up on the 3 per cent average for the three-month period to the end of August, and on the same period a year ago.

One in two manufacturers says that cost of living increases are an important upward pressure on business of widespread if patchy skill shortages are reflected in 20 per cent of manufacturing firms emphasising the need to recruit and retain staff as a factor pushing

But a third of manufacturers say their inability to raise prices in tough competitive markets is helping to keep down pay deals, while low profit levels are also a downward pressure in one in four deals.

in pay settlements in manufacturing, given the pressure from the strong pound. But they recognise that the level of pay deals is also rising in the service sector.

The databank shows that in services, wage settlements in the three months to November averaged 4.4 per cent — significantly up on the 3.9 per cent in the previous quarter, and on the same period last year. While CBI leaders say service sector pay awards, with more than a third of deals still in the 25-3.5 per cent pay band, other deals are coming in higher, with 17 per cent in the 4.5-5.5 per cent range, and 13 per cent at more than

5.5 per cent. The CBI suggests that the rises largely reflect the buoyancy of the business services sector in areas such as financial services and information technology. The rise in pay deals is pushing down productivity growth, the CBI shows, with manufacturing productivity falling from 3.1 to 2.9 per cent, and forecast productivity growth falling too.

Kate Barker, CBI chief economist, said business was concerned about rising pay deals, though the CBI still wants interest rates to be kept on hold. She said the labour market was "behaving a good deal better than it was last time round at this stage in the cycle".

# IMF reduces forecast for world growth

THE International Monetary Fund yesterday predicted doom and gloom for the world economy in the light of the Asian financial crisis and revised its worldwide economic growth forecast for 1998 downwards from 4.3 per cent to 3.5 per cent.

According to the IMF, the so-called "Asian contagion" will worsen in months to come. In its interim World Economic Outlook, it greatly reduced growth forecasts for the region. Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines are now expected to grow 1.7 per cent on average rather than the previous forecast of 3.7 per cent. South Korea was adjusted to 2.5 per cent, down from 6 per cent. The Japanese growth forecast was almost

haived to 1.1 per cent. Western countries will not escape the fallout from this worsening situation, said Michael Mussa, the IMF chief economist. Economic growth

will slow down significantly in the US and the US trade deficit is expected to increase by 29 per cent to \$230 billion (£140 billion).

The 1998 growth forecast for the US was cut from 24 per cent to 1.4 per cent. This year the US economy grew 3.8 per cent. Britain and the rest of Europe will see its growth slow down by only 0.1 per cent to 2.7 per cent because it is less dependent on Asian trade.

The report said: "The repercussions in regional and global financial markets have proven much deeper and more extensive than seemed likely only a few months ago. The economic implications can now be expected to be more

In the wake of the recent bank failures, mass bankruptcies, currency crises and stock market plunges, the IMF is expecting a wave of unemployment in Asia, which had enjoyed continuous economic

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growth for over 20 years. Mr Mussa said: The type of slowdowns we are going to see in South-East Asia will be decidedly negative. Undoubtedly, people will feel the pain of adjustment." Some economists predict that one million people will lose their jobs in

The IMF gave warning that its revised forecasts could still be too optimistic. The report is based on the assumption that the Asian economies will rebound in late 1998, after the same pattern as the Mexican crisis in 1995. Growth took off again there in 1996 after a deep but brief recession.

South Korea alone.

To follow this example, the Asian governments would have to implement the right policies, Mr Mussa said. There was still a risk that they would delay painful reform measures such as raising interest rates to support their currencies and restrain domestic demand to reduce trade

He said: "The major source of uncertainty is how long this turmoil will go on for and whether additional will get pulled in."

He told investors not to be deceived by the extraordinarily good performance of world stock markets over the past few years. He said: "When economic conditions remain generally good and when private foreign capital is flowing at a record pace and on very attractive terms, it is easy to believe that the good times will



Forward looking: Martin Taylor, left, and Andrew Buxton, chairman, expect banking marriages between "consenting adults"

### Banks to consolidate, says Taylor

BY RICHARD MILES, BANKING CORRESPONDENT UK's biggest clearing bank, would claim nearly one in two but added that "there were personal bank accounts and BARCLAYS BANK has put on

hold its ambitious plan for a £37 billion merger with NatWest its high street rival. after its initial anomachi soundly rejected. Amid persistent speculation

idea" of a merger to create the

that Barclays may launch a hostile bid, Martin Taylor, chief executive, has told The Times that the marriage of two large banks has to be between "consenting adults". Mr Taylor acknowledged that NatWest's senior management had "given no sign of being interested in the

other fish in the sea". Nevertheless, the Bardays chief executive remains con-

vinced of the business sense behind such a deal. Merging the two banks' high street operations would result in considerable cost savings and give the new group critical mass in a market "throbbing" with new entrants.

Nor does Mr Taylor believe that competition obstacles to a merger with NatWest would be insurmountable, even though the combined banks personal bank accounts and more than 50 per cent of the business banking market.

"The Government has bee quite happy to see new banks created, so it should expect to see some go. I have never believed in national champions. but I believe in promoting efficiency by having the right size of business," he said. There are far too many banks in Europe. When the euro comes, there will be a single European payments system and that's going to drive a single European banking sys-

tem. That in turn will drive considerable consolidation." Mr Taylor believes the £35 billion merger of Union Bank

of Switzerland and Swiss Bank Corporation, announced a fortnight ago, marks the start of a water of rationalisation

across the Continent.
Nativest whose chairman
Lord Accander of Weedon is said to be under pressure from institutions to step down early. has rejected two other merger approaches this year, from Abbey National, the former building society, and Pruden-

### De Beers gloomy over prospects

By Jon ASHWORTH

DE BEERS, the South African 🔮 group that dominates world trade in uncut diamonds, is expected to paint a gloomy picture of prospects when it releases 1997 sales figures

Publication of the figures was put back from last Thursday - prompting fears in the market that some unexpected setback has emerged. Outlook for 1998 is thought to be giving cause for concern.

Financial turmoil in South-East Asia — principally Thailand and South Korea - is taking its toll of luxury goods

Analysts forecast 1997 De Beers diamond sales of about \$4.6 billion — well below last year's record \$4.8 billion. The figures will mark the debut for the new De Beers management team, led by Nicky Oppenheimer and Gary Ralfe. who assume the posts of chairman and managing director respectively of De Beers from January I.

They move across from the equivalent roles at the Central Selling Organisation (CSO). the De Beers controlled mar-keting cartel that manages the supply of most of the world's

uncut diamonds. The CSO reported sales of -\$2.88 billion in the first half of 1997, a rise of 4.8 ner cent on the same period last year. America, which accounts for about a third of world retail iewellery sales, was experienc- 🚭

ing growth of about 7 per cent. Japan, with 28 per cent of the market, was flat, and banking collapses and financial strife are likely to have further dampened demand. De Beers says prospects hinge heavily on an improvement in

## Restructuring takes off at BAA

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#### ranging management restructuring with a view to shifting management power to the core BAA businesses.

The group is reorganised into self-standing companies, based around airports, duty-free. property, international and a fledgling railway business. The BAA management committee has been replaced with a new executive committee, which will oversee the delegation of

authority down the line. BAA has been dogged by disappointing stock market performance, and is intent on

BAA, the airports operator, delivering increased shareholder value. Sir John Egan, who steps down as BAA chief executive in 1999, said the changes would give BAA room to pursue different options. The group has diversified significantly, and it was appropriate to change the way the company was managed. Sir John said: "Previously, the

management committee took every decision of importance. We've broken it down into a number of companies, with the delegated authority that the board used to give me.

Issues facing BAA include the strength of the pound, which is taking its toll of

spending at Heathrow. The slump was reflected in flat recent financial results. Sir John said: "I don't think right now the City, in a very frothy moment, is taking any prisoners. Our underlying performance is more or less standard."

He added: The only long-term warning signal is that sterling is typically strong, and we are fundamentally selling to foreigners going home. We've got to be competitive. On the other hand, we've got pretty strong traffic growth -- lots of people going on holiday. You never get it fully for you at the same time."

BAA is building a high-speed rail link between Heathrow and Paddington, and says railways could develop into a new operational division. Sir John said: "Once we've got the infrastructure in underneath Heathrow, it could become a very successful railway hub. We're looking at other places to run our trains to, as well. It could quite easily be that it becomes a core part of our business

There has been speculation that BAA might look to float off its highly profitable retail operations.

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#### This week in THE TIMES



■ Tomorrow

Did Roger Levitt, above. begin his career at Barlow Clowes, Slater Walker or Marks & Spencer? Our wicked Christmas Quiz will test your memory.

Saturday Michael Clark, stock market writer of the year, reviews the year's highs and lows. Carl Mortished. Tempus editor, assesses the 1997 share portfolio. be able to open an account.

### Launch of Virgin One account postponed

By Marianne Curphey

VIRGIN DIRECT, part of Richard Branson's Virgin empire, has postponed the launch of its Virgin One account to the public after seeing how Tesco was overwhelmed by demand for its high-interest savings account. An advertising blitz was

originally planned to accompany the launch of its new current account mortgage to non-Virgin customers in the new year. However, that launch has been put off while the company tests its call centre and administrative back-up. The product is unlikely to be rolled out publicly before the summer, although existing Virgin customers and those who have already in-

quired about Virgin One will

Virgin is attempting to

learn from the mistakes of other financial services providers, including Tesco. which was forced to apologise to customers who waited weeks before their new savings account applications were processed. Last month Royal Bank of Scotland, which is running the savings account with Tesco, took the unusual step of apologising to customers whose applications

administrative troubles. Dr George Mathewson. RBS chief executive, said Tesco had received 40,000 applications in five months. Martin Campbell, Virgin Direct product development manager, said: "We want to be sure we are ready and that

we can meet the expected

demand. We are trying to

had been delayed because of

learn from the mistakes of other companies, which were unprepared for the huge popularity of their new products. "Existing customers have

already signed up. Those people who are not customers but who have telephoned to express an interest in Virgin One are being offered the account from the beginning of January. However, we do not want to launch a full-scale advertising campaign to everyone else until we know we are ready."

So far the majority of applications for the Virgin One account, which combines a savings account with a flexible mortgage, have been from people in the 35 to 40 age group. About 10,000 people have already called to express an interest in the account.

#### tial, the UK's biggest insurer. the Japanese market. Bulgaria in Crisis LEFT TO FREEZE Yordan, 1%, already naincurished could die from cold and hunger this winter unless aid reaches him now. With plummeting Yordan's scant clothing and no shoes offer him little protection from the no money to heat his No Money To Feed The Children No Money To Heat The Orphanages Bulgaria is a country in the midst of a serious economic crisis. Now thousands of children are suffering terribly as Siberian temperatures hit the country. Urgent help is needed. There is little money to heat the orphanages. Orphanage Directors are having to beg for food from local villages and rarely know where the next meal is coming from. In some areas children, like Yordan, are going hungry and the cold could prove fatal for many children this winter. Without aid this could be catastrophic for Bulgaria's The European Children's Trust, sister charity of The

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